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"The Catholic Church leadership has been treating us as outcasts after we went public against Bishop Franco Mulakkal [of Jalandhar]. Even the Vatican has not bothered to acknowledge our complaints." Five nuns in India are supporting a former superior general who was allegedly raped by a bishop. They have endured pressure from congregational leadership, ridicule from fellow sisters and what seems to be apathy from the Vatican.

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NCR's latest editorial evaluates the Vatican summit on clergy sex abuse. The verdict is a mixed one.

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Speaking of the summit, Jefferson City, Missouri, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight tells NCR, "The validity and the success of the summit will depend on the concrete outcomes," McKnight, 50, said he believes action is necessary. "Right now that's what people want to see." He and other newer, younger bishops sound off about accountability.

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"Everyone thought it was a great idea." "It is an easy way to do one of the corporal works of mercy — to feed the hungry": Catholic News Service reports on the "Blessing Box" of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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