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Participants recite the Lord's Prayer during Mass at the Labor Day Encuentro gathering at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, N.Y., Sept. 3, 2018, which was sponsored by the Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York. A USA Today article says Latino millennials are the answer to the church's worries about its future. (CNS photo/ Gregory A. Shemitz, Long Island Catholic)



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Mental health ministry will [soon be expanded](#) in parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The church is not a democracy? Not so true in Minnesota. A Catholic church in Minneapolis is slated to close. That would not be much news, except [this story](#) indicates that the people of the parish, consisting of two merged churches, voted on the step.

The legacy of racial segregation complicates a [Chicago parish merger](#).

Catholic and other community groups [pledge to cut homelessness](#) in Portland, Oregon, by 20 percent over the next five years.

Parishes in the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, will engage in a [Lenten reflection](#) on how Catholics can respond to the crisis in the church, with program materials provided by Renew International.

In a church facing declining numbers, the pivotal group are Latino young people, notes a [USA Today piece](#).

Parishes in the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, support the [local food movement](#).

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