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New and Notable

Religious freedom is more than freedom of worship

By Holly Taylor Coolman

In a class I co-taught on religious freedom last fall, many of the students seemed to arrive with a sense that there wasn't much to talk about. In the U.S., we have always given individuals religious freedom, and we should keep doing that. [Read more.](#)

Not by bread alone

By Rebecca Samuel Shah

To be effective, development policies and programs must attend to all the major dimensions of "human nature" and human wellbeing: material, social, and spiritual. [Read more.](#)

Archbishop Lori gives homily at Convocation, Fortnight for Freedom Mass

Before religious liberty is a political or legal issue, it is first and foremost a matter of innate human dignity. [Read more.](#)

Remembering Global Persecution of Christians during the Fortnight

By Daniel Philpott

In 2011, Shahbaz Bhatti, a Catholic and Pakistan's Federal Minister for Minorities Affairs, was gunned down just outside his home in Islamabad. Shortly before he was assassinated, he stated in a video, "I believe in Jesus Christ who has given his own life for us, and I am ready to die for a cause. I'm living for my

community ... and I will die to defend their rights." [Read more.](#)

Crux interviews Archbishop Lori

John Allen and Inés San Martín caught up with Archbishop Lori at the recent Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando. [Check it out!](#)

How to Talk about Religious Freedom

[This short guide](#) aims to help Christians speak with friends and neighbors about religious freedom and work to clear up misconceptions about it.

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