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People outside Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago on Thursday after Pope Leo XIV was elected. His South Side church closed years ago.

## Plight of Pope’s Chicago Parish Is Familiar Catholic Lament

**By RUTH GRAHAM and JULIE BOSMAN**  
CHICAGO — Before he was Pope Leo XIV, or even Father Bob, he was the youngest of the three Prevost boys in the pews at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish on the far edge of Chicago’s southern border.  
The parish was bustling when the future pope and his family were parishioners there in the 1950s and ’60s. All three brothers attended elementary school at the parish school. Their mother, Mil-

dred, was the president of the St. Mary Altar and Rosary Society, and performed in plays there, according to Noelle Neis, who remembers sitting behind the family on Sunday mornings.  
“They were always there,” Ms. Neis said, adding, “The community revolved around the church.”  
Today, the old Catholic enclave on the South Side of Chicago has essentially disappeared, with institutions shuttered and parishioners dispersing into the suburbs. Attendance at St. Mary of the Assumption declined significantly over the years, and the congrega-

### The Community, Once Tight, Drifted Away

tion merged with another dwindling parish in 2011. The combined parish merged with another two churches in 2019. The old St. Mary building has fallen into disrepair, with graffiti scrawled behind the altar.  
That transformation is in many ways the story of Catholicism in America, as changes in urban and

suburban landscapes crashed into demographic and cultural shifts that radically reshaped many Catholic communities.  
“It’s one of the great dramas of 20th century U.S. history,” said John McGreevy, a historian at the University of Notre Dame and the author of “Parish Boundaries: The Catholic Encounter With Race in the Twentieth-Century  
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**PAPAL PRICE BUMP** Offers flood in for the Chicago-area house where Leo lived as a boy. **PAGE 11**

## Uneasy Truce Between India And Pakistan

*This article is by Anupreeta Das, Mujib Mashal and Salman Masood.*  
NEW DELHI — India and Pakistan abruptly declared a cease-fire on Saturday, after four days of rapidly escalating drone volleys, shells and airstrikes that appeared to bring the old enemies to the brink of outright war. But only hours after the announcement, reports of cross-border firing raised fears about whether the truce would hold.  
The agreement capped four dizzying days of strikes by the nuclear-armed rivals that went deep into each other’s territories, and intense shelling on either side of the border that divides India and Pakistan’s disputed Kashmir region that left many civilians dead, wounded or displaced. Adding to the bewilderment many people felt at the breakneck pace of events, the truce was initially announced not by India or Pakistan but by President Trump on social media.  
And it was not clear, as night fell on Saturday, that the cease-fire would take hold in Kashmir, where a terrorist attack last month on the Indian-controlled side killed 26 people and set off the crisis. Cross-border firing was reported in both the Indian- and Pakistani-controlled parts of the region, and India’s foreign secretary, Vikram Misri, told a news conference that there had been “repeated vio-



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Hendrik Dierendonck, a leading Belgian butcher and restaurateur, at one of his production plants.

## U.S. and Europe, in Trade Battle, Play Game of Chicken, and Beef

**By JEANNA SMIALEK**  
VEURNE, Belgium — Hendrik Dierendonck, a second-generation butcher who has become, as he describes it, “world famous in Belgium” for his curated local beef, thinks Europe’s way of raising cattle results in varied and delicious cuts that European consumers prize.  
“They want hormone-free, grass-fed,” Mr. Dierendonck explained recently as he cut steaks at a bloody chopping block in his Michelin-starred restaurant, which backs onto the butchery his father started in the 1970s. “They want to know where it came from.”  
Strict European Union food regulations, including a ban on hormones, govern Mr. Dierendonck’s work. And those rules could turn into a trade-war sticking point. The Trump administration argues that American meat, produced without similar regulations, is bet-

ter — and wants Europe to buy more of it, and other American farm products.  
“They hate our beef because our beef is beautiful,” Howard Lutnick, the commerce secretary, said in a televised interview last month. “And theirs is weak.”  
Questions of beauty and strength aside, the administration is right about one thing: European policymakers are not keen on allowing more hormone-raised American steaks and burgers into the European Union.  
Further opening the European market to American farmers is just one ask on a laundry list of requests from the Trump team. American negotiators also want Europe to buy more American gas and trucks, to change their consumption taxes and to weaken their digital regulations.  
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## In Life, Her Students Couldn’t Forget Her. In Death, She Remembered Them, Too.

**By HANK SANDERS**  
In August 2021, a mysterious package from Sarasota, Fla., showed up in Nicole Archer’s mailbox in Manhattan.  
Dr. Archer hurried upstairs to her cramped Chelsea apartment with the thick envelope in hand and tore it open at her dining table, revealing a legal document that she had been wondering

about for months.  
She knew that a beloved college professor had bequeathed her something in her will. She was expecting a modest gift — enough money for a fancy dinner, perhaps, or one of the beaded bracelets the professor liked to make by hand.  
But when Dr. Archer, 49, saw the number on the last page — \$100,000 — she thought there

must be a misplaced decimal point.  
“I truly, honestly believed that I read it wrong,” she said. “I remember following the number with my finger, making sure I understood how many zeros it was.”  
At about the same time, 30 other people across the country received similar letters, sent at the behest of a professor whose class they had taken years earlier.

Over 50 years of teaching art history at New College of Florida, Prof. Cris Hassold had carved out an influential but complex legacy. She referred to her students as her children. She hired them to clean her home — a disturbing hoarder’s den. At times, she humiliated them in class.  
But the students who knew her best described her as a singular force of good in their lives. “The

cult of Cris,” as one described it, lives on in her 31 favorite students, who inherited her intensity, her quirks and, in the end, her life savings.  
New College, a small public honors college in Sarasota, on Florida’s Gulf Coast, was known for attracting gifted students who could not afford a private liberal arts school but who sought a rig-

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