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Be? By Dr. Jeff Mirus	Canada: secularist outrage at pro-life petition at Catholic school
No one is happier than I am with the Vatican's announcement of the need to reform the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in the United States. The news is somewhat surprising, since the initial signals from Rome following the	Mexican nun beatified Joint Methodist-Catholic statement on Eucharist an ecology Nuns preparing 250,000 hosts for Dublin Eucharist
Holiness Rules: How Contemporary Issues Should Drive Us to God (posted Apr. 16)	congress 88-page tribute to Pontiff appears in 3 newspapers
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By Phil Lawler	Optional Memorial of St. Fidelis Sigmaringen, priest and martyr

Do you remember what you were doing on this date in 2005? I sure do. It was a quiet day here, but I was on edge, jumpy with anticipation, waiting for news from Rome. The papal conclave had just begun, and April 19 would be the first day...

St. Fidelis was born at Sigmaringen in Swabia 1577. He practiced at st as a lawyer and so



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