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*****Insert for March 27*****



CALL TO CONVERSION AND HOLINESS

The Sacrament of Confession New Year's Resolutions

Long Form

It would be interesting to take a poll asking people about their New Year's resolutions. What were they? Have they kept them? Have they stopped using that credit card? Have they lost that weight? The fact that we make jokes about all of this reminds us of the reality: most New Year's resolutions are probably broken, sometimes very quickly!

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