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Pope Francis has expressed his "immense sorrow" after the shock report of the Independent Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church. The report tells us that 216,000 minors have been victims of sexual violence by priests or religious leaders since 1950 in France.

The law against conversion therapy was unanimously adopted last night at the Assemblée nationale. Voted on first reading, the text provides for a specific offense against practices that claim to cure homosexual or transgender people. This offense is now punishable by two years' imprisonment and a fine of 30,000 euros.

Facebook is still in turmoil. After the giant blackout on Monday evening, the social network is now accused of having a harmful influence on young people. A whistleblower, Frances Haugen, who worked for Facebook for 2 years, was heard yesterday by American senators. For more than two hours, she laid out with precision the practices of the Internet giant to attract young users and increase their consumption of its platforms such as Instagram. At the end of this hearing, Congress promised a better regulation.

Zero tolerance: the executive's approach after launching checks concerning the presence of French tax residents among the people pinned in the "Pandora Papers". These are 11.9 million leaked documents that unmask the hidden owners of offshore companies, secret bank accounts, private jets, yachts, mansions, and the like. According to this survey, nearly 600 French people appear in the files, including the former Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

The extraordinary trial of the attacks of November 13th continues. Today the victims of the Bataclan testify before the Assizes Court in Paris. Yesterday, the court heard the testimonies of the families bereaved by these attacks which killed 130 people.

And finally, a mass in memory of Bernard Tapie will take place this morning at 11 am at the Saint-Germain-des-Prés church, before his funeral on Friday. The businessman died on Sunday from cancer at the age of 78 years old.