

## The News October 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm© by Noele Bouazouni-Prier



One of the objectives expressed by the States General of Justice is to reshape the entire judicial system for 2022. Emmanuel Macron is in Poitiers this afternoon to launch this major consultation carried out by an independent commission. It will then communicate its conclusions next February.

The visit was planned for a long time, but it takes place within a very difficult context: Prime Minister Jean Castex was received this morning at the Vatican by Pope Francis. The two men discussed the Sauvé report submitted a few days ago. The report deals with the sexual violence committed within the Catholic Church in France since 1950. According to the remarks reported by Jean Castex, the Sovereign Pontiff was pleased that there was no denial in this case.

Also in the news, a macabre discovery was made in Nancy, where the body of a man was found last night in the Meurthe. According to the latest elements, the 30-year-old victim was a fugitive – he had failed to return to his cell last July and it was during a chase with members of the BAC that the tragedy occurred. The man supposedly refused to submit to a roadside check, before fleeing. An autopsy is scheduled in the coming days.

The Former Secretary of State under George W. Bush, Colin Powell, has died of COVID. In 2003 he defended the American intervention in Iraq before the UN by asserting that Sadam Hussein's regime was in possession of weapons of mass destruction, which was subsequently proven wrong. "That statement will remain as a stain on my reputation" had recognized Colin Powell a few years later. He was 84 years.

And then the French soccer player has until October 28 to voluntarily go to prison in Spain. He was sentenced for not respecting a restraining order after a case of domestic violence. The 25-year-old showed up in court in Madrid today - a day before he was summoned - to receive his committal order.