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Barry Black, U.S. Senate chaplain and alumnus of Andrews University, spoke for Graduate Student Consecration on Jan. 18.

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