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PETS take the spotlight during the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day last Sunday. He is the patron of animals and the environment. Catholics attend a Mass with their pets every first Sunday of October for the blessing ceremony after... AP

A photograph showing a priest in white vestments with gold embroidery, holding a microphone and blessing several dogs held by people. The scene is indoors, likely a church, with other people visible in the background.