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Warnings out for Florida, Atlanta said to be in the path. [**Hurricane Irma heads for Bahamas, Cuba, leaving devastation in its wake**](#)

I received an email yesterday for a hurricane "instant novena" (set an egg timer for 15 minutes, say a prayer for those in Irma's path and wake, set the time again, and repeat til you've done this nine times). Probably not a bad idea.

Besides the hurricane, it's been a busy news cycle here at NCR. A few examples follow.

Bannon breaks with Trump on DACA: [**Conservatives 'are not happy with this'**](#) He also blasted the Catholic Church's support for undocumented immigrants, saying "they need illegal aliens to fill the churches."

[**Bishops respond to Bannon's allegations about supporting immigrants**](#)

Who are these DACA folks: [**1 in 4 Dreamers Are Parents of US Citizens**](#)

As if to prove the U.S. bishops' point: [**A Catholic bishop in the Central African Republic \(CAR\) has given refuge to 2,000 Muslims who are living in fear of attacks from a mainly Christian militia**](#)

President Trump's nominee to the Chicago-based 7th Circuit Court of Appeals is Notre Dame Law Professor Amy Coney Barrett: [**Trump judicial nominee denies she'd put her faith above the law**](#)

NCR's Joshua McElwee and Soli Salgado are with the pope in Colombia: [**Francis encourages Colombians to move beyond 'corrupting darkness' of war**](#) Save this link to check highlights throughout the weekend.

See also: [**Pope praises women's role Latin America church**](#) He warns the region's bishops to value them more and not let them be "reduced to servants of our ingrained clericalism."

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Other church news: [**Fr. James Martin in social media fray over LGBT conversation**](#)

[**Hispanic, African-American theologians come together to fight racism**](#)

This weekend: [**Participate in Rocky Mountains Call To Action conference online**](#)

- Opening Address from CTA Executive Director, Zach Johnson
- Keynote address from Sister Simone Campbell, "You Were Also Once A Stranger: How to Effectively Help the Immigrant in our Midst," followed by Q&A period.

Start your day inspired with daily scripture reflections. Join NCR's sister publication, *Celebration*, for [**Daily Bread**](#), a series of short reflections written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings.

Or reflect on [**Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin**](#). Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.
