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NCR Editorial: **Charlottesville should compel Catholics to expel poison of racism**

Christian ethicists: Racism, white supremacy are 'a Christian problem'

I saw this headline from Mother Jones in my morning scan of news sites today: **The Real Story Behind All Those Confederate Statues**, which led me to this over at Vox: **What Trump gets wrong about Confederate statues, in one chart**, which led me to this report from the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization that monitors American far-right groups: **Whose Heritage? Public Symbols of the Confederacy**.

The bottom line? As Zack Beauchamp at Vox notes: "You'll notice two peaks of monument building — one around the turn of the 20th century, the other about 50 years later. ... It's not an accident that these statues were mostly built when the South was busy establishing Jim Crow and defending it from the civil rights movement."

A conversation on truth. These stories, a series of columns by the Dominican Sisters Conference, on Global Sisters Report have been gaining a lot of attention. If you haven't seen it, check it out: **Preaching Truth**

Global Sisters Report was at the Leadership Conference of Women Religious convocation last week. Here is all the reporting **LCWR 2017** and here's the latest: **Q & A with Sr. Sharlet Wagner, new president-elect of LCWR**

Our troubled presidency:

- Joe Arpaio, the former sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona, who lost his latest re-election campaign and was convicted last month of criminal contempt, says **President Trump Has 'Guts And Courage'**
- Tennessee Republican Senator Bob Corker: **"The President has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability nor some of the competence that he needs to demonstrate in order to be successful."**

- A co-author of President Trump's 1987 best-selling memoir "Art of the Deal" is predicting **the president will resign from office before the end of the year.**

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And in Other News

Before become bishop, David Zubik of Pittsburgh as a high school vice prinipal and school teacher. He recently went back to visit his old school, **Quigley Catholic High School in Baden, Pennsylvania.**

Radical action urged as Catholic marriages hit lowest level since 1941 There were just 1,346 Catholic marriages in Scotland last year, down from a high of 7,066 in 1970.

A senior Vatican official has hinted that **there is an unofficial agreement between the Holy See and Beijing on the appointment of bishops**, even as negotiations to formalise arrangements continue to hit roadblocks.

Marine Powers of The Washington Post has a quite interesting story under the headline **From anti-Reagan art to Milo Yiannopoulos: 35 years of controversial ads on Metro**. The Metro has been sued at least four times in recent years for controversial ads or for rejecting controversial ads.

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