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Today's top headline: [**Catholic groups are mobilizing to help in Hurricane Harvey's aftermath**](#)

Kathleen Kelleher writes on the Pax Christi website [**Why I Went to Charlottesville**](#) : We went because we were asked, because we could, and because it was important to say, "This is not who we are."

Others should dig into local histories: Montana may be nearly 2,000 miles from Charlottesville, Virginia, where a recent white supremacist rally turned deadly as neo-Nazis and KKK members clashed with counter-protesters, but [**the KKK has a history, including cross burnings, in the Big Sky State**](#).

We reported this news on Friday. [**Former KKK member, now a Catholic priest, went public after journalist's inquiry**](#). More news continues to come out: [**Catholic priest with KKK past was abortion protester, Confederate history buff**](#)

NCR Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee finds [**Silence of Vatican's doctrinal congregation notable under Francis**](#)

The monthly feature on Global Sisters Report called "The Life" pulls together an international panel of sisters who write short reflections on various topics. This month, the panel discusses [**networking as a new approach to mission**](#). Exploring this idea are sisters from Chile, Nigeria, Zambia, Australia, Canada, the United States and Ethiopia.

Santa Fe, New Mexico — A TV news station has asked a judge to allow the release of documents concerning sex abuse allegations against clergy the Santa Fe Archdiocese. The archdiocese is resisting. [**A hearing in the case is scheduled for Friday**](#).

ICYMI last week: [**Vatican II liturgical reform 'irreversible,' pope says**](#)

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Poland's leading Catholic bishops have spoken out in support of establishing a ban on Sunday commerce. Speaking on Polish Radio, Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki said, [**"Free Sundays are what all Catholics, non-Catholics and nonbelievers need."**](#)

Melrose, Minnesota — Should a fire-damaged church be restored or should a new building go up? [**Fate of historic church divides parish members in central Minnesota town**](#)

Manila, Philippines — [**Philippine teenager's burial turns into protest against the president's draconian anti-drug policies**](#)

Eight-year-old girl stumbles upon ultra-rare, 2,000-year-old 'half-shekel' [**minted during the Great Jewish Revolt prior to the destruction of the Second Temple**](#)

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