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First, from NCR:

Pope tells new bishops to respect, dialogue with consciences of laypeople

John XXIII's naming as patron saint of Italian army met with criticism

'Magnum Principium' is latest event in 'liturgy wars'

And from Global Sisters Report:

South Asian congregations join to crusade against human trafficking

Chainsaw-wielding nun just 'wanted to help out' after Hurricane Irma

European Union Commission President gives 'State of the Union' Address:

President Juncker: Europe must be ready to move on after Brexit as a more efficient and forceful body

Hungary rejects 'dead end street' of ceding powers to EU

Key Points in Juncker's 2017 Annual EU Address

Brexit continues to frighten the UK:

EU chief Juncker warns UK 'will regret it'

PM May Picks Florence for Speech to Win EU Support for Her Brexit View

Profile of George Osborne, May's former chancellor of the exchequer, now head of London Evening Standard

Brexit negotiations not going 'in the way we might hope' says former Bank of England governor Mervyn King

Washington round-up:

Trump, top Democrats agree to work on deal to save 'dreamers' from deportation

Trump ethics watchdog moves to allow anonymous gifts to legal defense funds

Trump Goes All In on a Tax Overhaul Whose Details Remain Unwritten

Congress Dares Trump to Condemn White Supremacists

Equifax CEO formally called to testify before Congress

Parts far and wide:

Russia kicks off huge war games on Europe's borders

With China in mind, Japan, India agree to deepen defense

North Korea nuclear test may have been twice as strong as first thought

Attacked in bed, safe a few feet away: Cuba mystery deepens

From the science desk:

For this NASA scientist, Cassini was the mission of a lifetime. Now she must say goodbye.

Cassini's voyage helped make the solar system smaller. May the cosmic curiosity it whetted live on

"Shape-Shifting" Bacteria spotted on space station could be danger to astronauts

From Italy with love:

The worst crimes against Italian food, according to a top cook

Robot that can solve the Rubik's cube and thread a needle conducts Italian orchestra in world first

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