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In celebration of the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, a purple banner reading "Ordain Women" was placed on the Sant'Angelo bridge just in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome Oct. 1.

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According to the Women's Ordination Conference: "St. Therese, who herself longed to be a priest, is one of countless women whose vocations continue to be rejected and dismissed.

A 19th century French Carmelite nun and Doctor of the Church, St. Therese wrote in her journals and confided in her sister Celine of her deep desire to be a priest. St. Therese's priestly vocation is too often written out of her story. Today we honor her not-so little impact as a courageous voice for women and her fierce love for God. Women are called to priesthood and it is our work to amplify their voices and, quite simply, keep them in the frame."

Top News This Morning: **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons awarded Nobel Peace Prize.** And in related news:

- **Trump might 'abandon Iran nuclear deal'**
- **Trump plans to declare that Iran nuclear deal is not in the national interest**

An earlier report from NCR: **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons opens for signature**

President John Kennedy captured the gist of the matter 53 years ago, when he spoke about a "nuclear sword of Damocles, hanging by the slenderest of threads, capable of being cut at any moment by accident, or miscalculation, or by madness." **That sword still hangs -- and we still live in a world of accidents and miscalculations, a world still capable of madness.**

I just finished reading this book, *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America*, and I highly recommend it. Read Michael Sean Winters' review here: **Meet the godfather of libertarianism in 'Democracy in Chains'**

Speaking of Michael Sean Winters, he and Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee are at Boston College attending a conference on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on family life, *Amoris Laetitia*. Read their reports here:

- Day One: **Conference weighs how 'Amoris Laetitia' rejects 'infantilization of laity'**
- The curtain-raiser: **Bishops, theologians gather to consider US implementation of 'Amoris Laetitia'**
- A bit of background: **'Amoris Laetitia' controversy predates the document itself**

Las Vegas -- **Authorities still not clear on who Stephen Paddock was**

Global Sisters Report Correspondent Soli Salgado has been working on this series of stories: **La Iglesia Hispana**

- Her Latest: **El Paso parish's ministries awaken a missionary community**
- Another example: **Encuentro process invigorates community in parishes**
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