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An illustration shows Christopher Columbus standing before the king and queen of Spain, presenting Indians and treasures from the New World in 1493 in Barcelona. (Newscom/World History Archive)

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- **Doctrine of Discovery: A scandal in plain sight**
- **Disastrous doctrine had papal roots**

President Trump steps: "We will not allow people of faith to be targeted, bullied or silenced anymore." **Trump Administration Rolls Back Birth Control Mandate**

The changes were hailed by religious groups, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which said it was "a return to common sense, long-standing federal practice and peaceful coexistence between church and state." But others say the rules appeared "legally suspect."**4 Takeaways As HHS Relaxes Rules On Contraception Coverage At Work**

At the end of last week, NCR's Joshua McElwee and Michael Sean Winters were busy at a conference on Amoris Laetitia ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis' reflection on family and marriage.

- Winters begins a two-part review today: **Conference on 'Amoris Laetitia' was dialogical, grounded in reality**
- McElwee's last filing is here: **Bishops deliberate whether one rule applies to all divorced people after 'Amoris Laetitia'**
- Jesuit Fr. James Keenan, the organizer of the event, tells us how it all began and what it means: **What I learned from organizing, participating in Boston's 'Amoris Laetitia' event**
- **All of NCR's reporting is rounded up here.**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is creating an independent compensation program for people who were sexually abused by priests — **the latest effort in New York to bring closure to a horrific chapter in modern Catholic church history.**

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Chicago -- **$50M suit filed against ‘sexually violent’ ex-priest Daniel McCormack**

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Global Sisters Report takes a closer look at the OK Clean Water Project and Water With Blessings, two collaborative projects among women religious. **Both empower local leaders to bring drinkable water to the marginalized, giving them the proper tools to be self-reliant.**

Sr. Michele Morek says, "It's hard for a New Mexican to imagine rain that lasts all day. It's hard for a person who has never tasted a taco to imagine how good they are." **Tacos and umbrellas: Local culture is everything**

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