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So many stories to share.

Trump Declares Opioid Crisis a 'Health Emergency' but Requests No Funds: I guess the president thinks that opioid addicts, like Puerto Ricans after Hurricane Maria, "want everything to be done for them." I imagine actually funding a response to a health emergency will throw "our budget a little out of whack." After all, when they took that first pain pill, those addicts knew what they were signing up for.

From Kaiser Health News: "Despite the best efforts of President Donald Trump and the GOP-led Congress, the Affordable Care Act is still the law of the land. And after a turbulent year, open enrollment for individuals who buy their own health insurance begins Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 15." **Open Enrollment is Nigh**

This is a sample of what people who help other people sign up for insurance in state and federal health care markets say: "I wanted to sign up again this year. … I'm hesitant now because of what Trump has done. Should I still consider?" **Acute Confusion As Exchange Enrollment Nears**

Caseros, Argentina — **Clerical sex abuse disclosures skyrocket in pope's Argentina**: "In Argentina, the abuse crisis is just beginning," said Bishop Sergio Buenanueva of San Francisco in Cordoba province. Buenanueva leads a church council on clerical abuse. "I'm sure the Argentine church is going to face increasing numbers of these disclosures."

The U.S. bishops will be in Baltimore for their annual fall meeting in two weeks. Michael Sean Winters tells us what to expect. And what not to expect. **Differences over church's role in US culture persist in bishops' conference**

Here's one thing the bishops have done: **Bishop offers Congress moral principles for weighing tax reform**

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Q & A with Sr. Monique Tarabeh: Good Shepherd Sr. Monique Tarabeh's visit home in July and August was gut-wrenching. Tarabeh grew up in Damascus, Syria, and her family still lives there despite the ongoing civil war that started in 2011.

Rome — In a meeting with the Anglican Communion's new representative in Rome, Vatican foreign minister says **global instability makes ecumenism a "moral imperative."**

Sr. Rose Pacatte, NCR's award winning film reviewer, watches **"Bending the Arc"** a documentary about Dr. Paul Farmer, his work in Haiti, and Partners in Health, the organization he founded

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Here's a letter to the editor in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: **Women have leadership roles in the Catholic Church**

Looking for the latest news about our buddy at Church Militant, Michael Voris? Check this out (a little text, more video): **Former gay man is leading "Catholic alt-right" movement**

And, and please, nobody bother me this weekend. I'll be binge-watching **"Stranger Things 2"** on Netflix.

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