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One year ago today, Donald Trump was elected president of the United States. Today, NCR concludes its weeklong series, "A Nation Under Trump":

- Our reviewer of *One Nation After Trump* finds some hope in what the authors argue is a real test of our democracy. We need to stop hyperventilating and get to work. (Which is exactly what the sisters from the Nuns on the Bus campaign have been doing. An update on them here.)

- And Michael Sean Winters asks "What has the Catholic Church learned in the past year—or what *should* it have learned?"

- As a special gift to readers, the entire “A Nation Under Trump” series is now available as a free downloadable e-book here.

Speaking of elections, anti-Trump fervor meant big victories for Democrats in Virginia, New Jersey and elsewhere. Healthcare issues inspired voters to come out in droves. Trump's white evangelical strategy failed; they voted, but there weren't enough of them.

Other news:

After announcing two weeks ago that it would discontinue no-cost contraceptives for employees and students, the University of Notre Dame now says such third-party coverage will continue.

Some nuns in Pennsylvania benefited from a temporary injunction to halt a fossil fuel pipeline being built, in part, on their land.

The pope has appointed two Italian laywomen as under-secretaries in the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, which is headed by U.S. Cardinal Kevin Farrell.

While Trump is in Asia, speakers on a panel at Georgetown University discussed the issue of nuclear conflict with North Korea. They said religion could be a unifying force in urging necessary international dialogue.

Just for fun: The Costume Institute at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art has a new exhibit, "Heavenly Bodies," which includes not only ecclesiastical garments but other fashion inspired by Catholicism.

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The eight-part miniseries "The Long Road Home" began on National Geographic last night. Sr. Rose Pacatte's review says the show is honest, but not uplifting, as it brings back Iraq War memories.

Shouldn’t every Sunday be "Be the Church Sunday"?

ICYMI: Don’t jump from Halloween to Christmas. Spend November remembering the dead, says Melissa Musick Nussbaum.

A Jewish columnist ponders the afterlife, asking, "How do you have faith after Sutherland Springs, Texas?"