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On his second day in Chile, Pope Francis told Chile's indigenous people who have struggled with the government over control of their native lands that violence is not the answer. Earlier, the pope urged clergy to ask forgiveness from those who were abused by priests. With two reporters on the ground, we have coverage the pope's Mass in Santiago and more from this papal trip to Chile and Peru.

Remember when Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz excommunicated all members of Call to Action in the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska? Now, the current bishop, James Conley, is offering a way for them to return to full communion in the church.

An interfaith retreat center run by the Immaculate Heart Community lost most of its buildings in the mudslides in Southern California that also killed at least 20 people last week.

Bishops from North America, Europe and South Africa visiting Gaza said the 130 Catholic parishioners left in Gaza are heroes, for sacrificing to keep family and Christian life alive in the Palestinian territory.

Protests, past and present, are the news in this week's Justice Action Bulletin.

A survey of U.S Catholic women commissioned by America magazine had some similar findings to NCR's report last week about our fifth survey of U.S Catholics, but it also noted that Catholic women's answers about voting tend to favor Democrats.

A new president has been named for the LDS (Mormon) Church; don't expect any changes in that church's stance toward women or LGBT folks anytime soon.

A second German bishop has suspended Confirmation for four years while he works toward finding a new model.

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Michael Sean Winters is more concerned about the Salvadoran, Honduran and Haitian families about to be torn apart by deportation than he is about the president's vulgar words.

For Mary Ann Pajakowski, walking the "Notre Dame Trail" in Indiana helped her reflect on all the refugees, migrants and other people on the move in the world today.

ICYMI: Bishops who deny funerals to gay spouses are more likely to be causing scandal than the funerals themselves would, say two theologians from Creighton University.

Dan Stockman of Global Sisters Report finds spiritual inspiration in the remastering of a Beatles song.

It's a little early to be planning your Lenten sacrifices, but Cristina L.H. Traina fasts from the Eucharist during Lent and Advent. Here's why.

Listen up!

NCR Books Editor Jamie Manson will present a teleconference on "Religious Life for the Next Generation" at 8 p.m. ET tonight. The free event is sponsored by FutureChurch; many of their previous presentations in the "Emerging Models" series are also available as podcasts.