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Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee notes a change in approach on controversial women's issues by the organizers of the Voices of Faith event, which decided to move its event after the Vatican rejected three speakers.

Immigration was in the news yesterday, as President Trump's chief of staff said Trump will not extend the March 5 DACA deadline (he also said some "Dreamers" were too lazy to sign up for DACA). Later, Trump tried to pressure Congress for an immigration deal, saying a government shutdown "would be worth it."

Attendees from the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering were on Capitol Hill yesterday, asking lawmakers for international aid and diplomacy, domestic safety net programs and a narrow DACA bill. Our coverage of the four-day social ministry conference is here. More to come.

One reason families leave Mexico is violence. On Monday two priests were gunned down in a part of Mexico that is rife with drug cartel violence.

Around the U.S., the resistance is busy:

- A Camden bishop joined protesters trying to stop the deportation of two Mexican immigrants. They were unsuccessful.

- Catholics held a prayer service for “Dreamers” on Capitol Hill yesterday.
- A protest against drones, a webinar on human trafficking and more in this week’s Justice Action Bulletin.

ICYMI: The head of the bishops’ new Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism had strong words about the church’s complicity and need to do more on this issue. Case in point: Students at a Cincinnati Catholic high school shouted racial taunts at an African-American and biracial player from another Catholic school.

Race is becoming a major issue in the Illinois governor’s race, especially after the release of a taped phone call of Democratic candidate J.B. Pritzker making disparaging remarks about African-Americans.

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Michael Sean Winters breaks down Pope Francis’ recent document on ecclesiastical universities (those that grant pontifical degrees) and concludes that this pope is no radical.

Massimo Faggioli of Villanova University reviewed the late Archbishop John Quinn’s book on the First Vatican Council. Like Quinn’s earlier *Reform of the Papacy*, his last book, *Revered and Reviled*, is worth reading, Faggioli says.

NCR Editor Dennis Coday got positive (and some negative) reaction to his recent column on “living in tension.”

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Last week’s “NCR in Conversation” podcast featured another podcaster, Tim Uhl, superintendent of Montana Catholic Schools and the host of the "Catholic School Matters" podcast. That's another one for my list of Catholic podcasts.

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