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This is, of course, the talk around the coffee maker this morning at NCR: **The Shape of Water' wins best picture at the 90th Academy Awards on a night that balanced celebration and politics**

And for another look at this: **The Oscars that celebrated change and diversity.**

NCR's movie guru, Daughter of St. Paul Rose Pacatte, discussed the Oscars on our podcast NCR In Conversation: **Sr. Rose discusses the threads of Catholicism running through many of the films** NCR contributor Julie Bourbon also discusses a Catholic Day of Action for Dreamers on Capitol Hill, an event she covered last week.

Sisters in India deliver hope to the elderly: **When a meal is more than food.**

Sisters in coastal areas of Kenya work with local communities to rescue young girls from sexual exploitation.**Parents sell children as Kenya's sex tourism normalizes exploitation**

Meanwhile, in Rochester, New York, it's a new day in a new kind of Catholic church: **Ecumenical Catholic Communion ordains its first female bishop**

Dromore, Northern Ireland -- In a follow up story from Friday, **Catholic Bishop says he 'wrestled' with decision to resign.** What's this all about? See: **Irish bishop resigns after criticism of his treatment of abusive priest**

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Following revelations last week that a Buffalo priest sexually abused **'probably dozens' of boys,** Buffalo Bishop Richard J. Malone sent **an open letters to all parishes this weekend**, encouraging anyone with information about abuse to report it. Masses this weekend were devoted to **Prayers, apologies, healing and hope.**

Melbourne, Australia -- The next stage of legal proceedings for Cardinal George Pell opened here Monday. His defense time is headed by renowned criminal lawyer known as "the Red Baron." **The 'Red Baron' Robert Richter lands and trains guns on police** If you can read that story because its locked up for you, try this one: **Cardinal Pell in court on sex offense allegations.**

What are you doing for Lent?

We offer you a a chance to enhance your prayer and reflection over these holy days using Sunday commentaries, articles, art and graphics from our sister publication Celebration as well as from, National Catholic Reporter and Global Sister Report. **Visit all the resources on the Celebration page.**

NCR and it sister publications offer quite a few resources for Lent (and when appropriate the Easter season):

- Start your day inspired with daily Scripture reflections. Join NCR's sister publication, Celebration, for **Daily Bread**, a series of short reflections written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings.
- Or reflect on **Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin**. Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.

Of Pope Francis' apostolic letter on famoly and marriage, Michael Sean Winters says It is time for the ranting against Amoris Laetitia to stop. **Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl's pastoral plan on 'Amoris Laetitia' points the way forward.**

What do local school officials think of President Donald Trump's proposal to train and arm teachers?

- La Cross, Wisconsin -- **One principal said, that is 'complete crazy talk'** "It breaks my heart that we.re talking about metal detectors and security instead of serving children in poverty and discussing strategies to help children read."
- Lansing, Michigan -- One state represenative whose wife is a teacher said arming teachers isn't realistic. **"Nuns are not signing up to become Catholic school teachers in order to tote guns around."** His wife must teach in a Catholic school.
- Salt Lake City, Utah -- "I’m not sure why we continue to think that we’re going to solve issues of crime or violence in the state by encouraging more violence," **said Jean Hill, government liaison for the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City.** The headline for this report is "More than 1,400 Utahns ages 18 to 20 carry concealed firearms. Here’s why."