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Sr. Mary Lou Palas of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speaks at Standup Sisters 2017 event at La Roche College. (Ryan Haggerty)

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Kira Schlesinger's *Pro-Choice and Christian: Reconciling Faith, Politics and Justice*, published by Westminster John Knox Press in 2017, argues that many people of faith find themselves in a murky middle of the supposedly black-and-white issue of abortion.

During National Catholic Sisters Week, Catholic sisters tell their stories at Standup Sisters, a live storytelling event.

On the show today:

- Kelly Stewart, NCR contributor and doctoral student in theological studies at Vanderbilt University
- Kira Schlesinger, author and interim rector at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Nashville
- Excerpts from Standup Sisters, a live annual storytelling show hosted during National Catholic Sisters Week

Background reading and listening:

- Schlesinger's writing is clear and engaging and her analysis is critical but respectful, writes Kelly Stewart.
- "Pro-Choice and Christian: Reconciling Faith, Politics and Justice" is available from Westminster John Knox Press.
- In addition to Standup Sisters: Green Habits, the fifth annual National Catholic Sisters Week included nearly 80 events funded by mini-grants, including activities such as bowling with sisters and making chocolates.
- You can listen to past stories shared at Standup Sisters on their SoundCloud page.

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