Opinion



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Holy Week is coming. Have you prepared?

We offer you a chance to enhance your prayer and reflection over these holy days using Sunday commentaries, articles, art and graphics from our two sister publications Celebration and Global Sisters Report. **[Visit all the resources on the Celebration page]. ** NCR and its 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.

ALBANY — Cardinal Timothy Dolan urged Gov. Cuomo and state lawmakers to reject any legislation that gives child abuse victims a window to revive old legal cases. **He said a "lookback would be toxic for us" because it would lead to a flurry of cases against the church.**

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN — After a sting operation resulted in the arrest of a Saginaw diocese priest in late February, another priest has been suspended amid reports of sexual misconduct, **and diocesan property has been raided by the police.** Police report the diocese has not fully cooperated with law enforcement.

The Catholic #MeToo: **Christendom College alumni call for Title IX response to sexual assaults**

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND -- **Catholic church leaders urged to adopt stricter, more transparent policies for priests who father children.** We want more than sympathy, says founder of **Coping International**. Here's some background: **NZ bishops pass up Irish guidelines on children of priests**

NCR national correspondent Heidi Schlumpf's three-part profile of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students is now available in full online.

Of late, there has been much talk about young Catholics and their connections -- or lack of connections -- to the church. But one national ministry has had massive success reaching out to college-age Catholics: FOCUS. In this three-part series, Schlumpf takes an in-depth look at this organization.

- **Part 1: FOCUS' emphasis on the new evangelization**
- **Part 2: FOCUS' substantial financial resources and connections to conservative organizations**
- **Part 3: FOCUS' plan for expansion into parishes**

Tomorrow is the March for Our Lives, where high school students will lead protests in Washington D.C. and across the nation in support of common sense gun legislation.

US Catholic sisters plan participation in March For Our Lives. Watch the NCR homepage for reporting on these events tomorrow.

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Fr. Jim Good, **the Irish priest from County Cork who became the first Irish cleric to oppose the Catholic Church's ban on artificial contraception**, has died. He was 94.

Russia's minority Catholic Church has pledged to help build a civil society after the nation's March 18 election **and called on President Vladimir Putin to "justify voters' confidence" after his victory.**

The headlines from Washington this morning:

- **The return of John Bolton, a hawk on North Korea and Iran, sparks concerns**
- **Bolton Brings Hawkish Perspective To North Korea, Iran Strategy**
- **John Bolton finally made it into the White House. Does this mean war?**

Who is John Bolton? From Israel-Palestine to North Korea, here's where the newly-appointed national security adviser stands on key issues.

Michael Sean Winters takes a look at support for Conor Lamb and Dan Lipinski and says the **latest Democratic election victories shed light on culture-war campaigning.**

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