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Dramatic news out of the Vatican late yesterday about the pope apologizing for how he handled a sex abuse situation in Chile.

Also out of the Vatican yesterday, news that the Pontifical Commission on Latin America has called for world synod of bishops on women's role in the church.

An assessment of the Trump administration's nuclear weapons posture report and a breaking news story about a Catholic Worker inspired Plowshares action at a submarine base in Kings Bay, Maryland, to protest nuclear weapons.

Pope Francis issued the apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), on the call to holiness in today's world, on Monday. NCR had perhaps the most comprehensive report on that document available. We've also carried analysis and reflections on the document. Some have called it the most elegant and evangelizing document of Francis' pontificate. Others found some points in it lacking. You're going to read both viewpoints here.

One of our most read stories this week was Tuesday's report on recommendations by the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests for making significant changes to the priest formation process.

We've written about Syria, Venezuela and Brooklyn's "Little Guatemala."

Today you can read (or listen to) Bishop Tom Gumbleton's homily from The Peace Pulpit or read about baseball as a road to community and, perhaps, God.

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