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Victims of clerical sexual abuse and others who had called for the removal of Bishop Juan Barros, accused of covering up abuse, expressed appreciation for **Pope Francis' letter apologizing for his response to allegations in Chile** But they said **concrete steps are necessary to improve the situation.**

8 victims seek damages from Legion of Christ The letter is the latest indication that clergy abuse victims are increasingly demanding recognition and apologies not just for their abuse, but for the retaliation often inflicted on them by church leaders

after they reported allegations.

NCR continues our exploration of Pope Francis' exhortation on holiness, Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and Be Glad"):

- **In 'Gaudete et Exsultate,' Francis calls us on journey of 'small holiness'**
- Jamie Manson asks, **Should women rejoice over 'Gaudete et Exsultate'?** She says the letter demonstrates that his limited understanding of women and the restrictions he places on women's vocations in the world.

Chicago -- **DePaul conference on women in global church calls for new leadership models**

Post mortem on Paul Ryan: **For all his talk about accomplishing a great deal as Speaker, he knows Congress has accomplished very little,** says Michael Sean Winters.

A shocker last night: **Trump would reconsider Trans Pacific Partnership trade pact on 'better' terms – business live**. TPP nations welcome Trump's interest, **but don't want renegotiation**

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The White House says**'No final decision' on Syria after Trump meets with national security team.** Keep this in mind: Assad's forces launched more than 200 chemical attacks since the start of the war. **Bombing Syria now won't stop Assad from using chemical weapons**

Eight Canadian dioceses withhold funds to Development and Peace This is pretty big deal. It's like U.S. bishops stopping support for Catholic Relief Services or U.K. bishops cutting funds from CAFOD.

Q & A with **Mother Mary McGreevy, chairperson of the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious**

If Pope Francis' exhortation **Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and Be Glad")** has inspired you to join **the journey of 'small holiness'**, NCR and Celebration have the resources to help you:

- 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.