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Former First Lady Barbara Bush has died. So has NPR newscaster Carl Kasell.

The U.S. Supreme Court's striking down of an immigration law yesterday could save thousands of people from deportation; Justice Neil Gorsuch cast the deciding vote. Michael Sean Winters analyzes the divided court in his column today.

Cuban and Cuban-American Catholics in the Miami area have been meeting regularly to build bridges between the two groups. Read about the "Encuentro Eclesial" in this second article in a series reported by Gail DeGeorge and Soli Salgado of Global Sisters Report. (The first piece is an in-depth look at the church in Cuba.)

Kristen Walker Hatten, the Catholic former vice president of the prolife group New Wave Feminists (the group disinvited as a sponsor at the first Women's March) is embroiled in controversy after several social media posts in which she declares her white nationalist beliefs.

Evangelical leaders met this week to discuss "areas in which we may have missed the mark in terms of our witness to the world," namely evangelicals' support for President Trump's polarizing politics.

Admissions numbers are down at the Catholic University of America, and some attribute it to too much emphasis on the "Catholic" and not enough on the "University," says this in-depth report by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"Ethicists without Borders" has released a statement on Syria, calling both the use of chemical weapons and the U.S.-led missile strikes in response to be immoral.

I'll be reporting (and tweeting) from Loyola University Chicago later this afternoon, as Bishop Robert McElroy gives a lecture about polarization in politics.

If you can't read Italian, you're in luck: Phyllis Zagano summarizes two recent books in Italian that address the issue of women in the diaconate.

Scholars and friends gather to remember feminist moral theologian Anne E. Patrick.

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In response to NCR's report about complaints of mishandled sexual harassment allegations at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, one Catholic columnist connects it to a type of objectification of women that makes women responsible for men's behavior. (It turns out atheists also have problems with sexual misconduct.)

Did you finish your taxes by midnight last night? This environmentalist lists 10 reasons she loves paying her taxes.

Coleman McCarthy suggests breaking up with your smartphone (unless you happen to be reading this on yours).

Listen up

ICYMI: Last week's "NCR in Conversation" podcast featured a discussion about Pope Francis' new exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, ("Rejoice and Be Glad!") with NCR Vatican correspondent Joshua J. McElwee and Brian Flanagan, associate professor of theology at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.

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