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More than 65 million people had been displaced from their homes because of factors such as war, threats from gangs, natural disasters, and lack of economic opportunities at the end of 2016, the highest number of displaced since the aftermath of World War II. Of those, the United Nations considered 22.5 million to be refugees: people forced to leave their countries because of persecution, war, or violence.

Over the next several weeks, Global Sisters Report will bring a sharper focus to the plight of refugees through a special series, Seeking Refuge, which will follow the journeys refugees make: living in camps, seeking asylum, experiencing resettlement and integration, and those who are deported to a country they may only vaguely remember or that may still be dangerous.

Though not every refugee follows this exact pattern, these stages in the journey are emblematic for many — and at every stage, Catholic women religious are doing what they can to help.

- **Seeking Refuge: Global Sisters Report begins special series on refugees**

- **'Too often we turn away': the faces of the global refugee crisis**
- **Seeking Refuge: Learn more from these resources about migration trends, Catholic action**

Pittsburgh paper fires longtime editorial cartoonist after dispute over Trump work A editorial shift toward President Trump preceded the firing, and raises questions of editorial independence in Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

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

- 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.

Reporters and Democratic lawmakers have been allowed inside a detention centre that lies at the heart of a growing storm over a new US policy separating migrant children from their parents.**Trump migrant separation policy: Children 'in cages' in Texas**

If you haven't shared this NCR editorial with your social media community, please do so now: **Family separation is an immoral, ineffective policy**

And in other issues that we care about:

- Chicago -- **Gun violence victims, celebrities join march and rally at St. Sabina Parish**
- **Are women 'substantially' incompatible for the priesthood?** John Wijngaards says Attempts to link maleness and priesthood through the ages have failed the test.
- **NCR Podcast: Humanae Vitae at 50** NCR columnist Jamie Manson and theologian Todd Salzman discuss the encyclical Humanae Vitae and its effect on generations of Catholics.

- If in previous years the Democratic establishment's desire for the milquetoast middle was unsuccessful, in the years ahead it is the height of foolishness. **Christians on the left should own populism, and make it our own** Michael Sean Winters writes.