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Nicaragua in crisis. After reading these more mainstream accounts, read the last piece for an alternative view of the situation:

- **This week has been the most tumultous in Nicaragua since a wave of anti-government protests started in April**
- **The Unraveling of Nicaragua** Amid the mass protests against the Ortega regime, the country is showing signs of democratic renewal.

- Kevin Zeese and Nils McCune writing at Popular Resistance say that a great deal of false and inaccurate information about Nicaragua is in the media. Even on the left, some have simply repeated the dubious claims of CNN and Nicaragua's oligarchic media to support the removal of President Ortega. They say they want to correct the record in an article called **"What is Really Happening in Nicaragua?"**

Global Sisters Report continues its series on the refugee experience with a focus on the process of seeking asylum. **Painful memories, new cultures confront resettled families**

- **Controversy over migration continues to upend European politics**
- **Sisters shelter, support asylum-seekers as they adapt to US**
- Read all the stories in this series here: **Seeking Refuge**.

A reader recommendation: The current wave of anti-liberalism in the nations of the West and in the Catholic Church is bringing 50 years' worth of disappointments to the surface, Massimo Faggioli writes in Commonweal: **In Denial: Catholic Nostalgia for Medieval Christendom** (May require registration.)

Fr. John Dear writes to tell us that the Off-Broadway company Transport Group will present a revival of Daniel Berrigan's 1971 play **The Trial of the Catonsville Nine.** Save the dates (January 16–February 23, 2019) and stay-tuned here for more details.

In his new column, The Gospel of Sports, Michael Jordan Laskey, gives us some thoughts about the FIFA World Cup contest: **More than just good soccer players**

Pope Francis' exhortation **Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and Be Glad")** has inspired many. NCR and Celebration have the resources to help you on your **journey of 'small holiness'**.

- 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.

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On SCOTUS nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Michael Sean Winters, says that conservative jurisprudence is offensive to any set of values worthy of the name Christian. But he also warns that with Kavanaugh on the bench, **we can expect 30 or more years of pro-business decisions.** That it is reason enough to vote against him.

Did you ever wonder **Why Catholics and Jews dominate at the Supreme Court** ? Yonat Shimron of Religion News Service offers some idea.

Rachel Lu says **I'm a pro-life woman. But I'm worried about a post-Roe America.**

And one more on this topic: **The Abortion Debate Isn't As Partisan As Politicians Make It Seem**

Some good news on the immigratin front: **Catholic organizations playing role in reunification of children** and this **All children under age of 5 reunited with families after separation at US border**

You may have noticed President Trump is visiting Europe.

- **Why Trump has few friends in Europe** It is actually more than his Twitter ettiquete.
- **Trump blows up Theresa May’s party in his honor**
- And in summary: **Trump vs. NATO Summit in 5 Jokes** A YouTube video.