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NCR joins today some 300 newspapers and media outlets across the United States publishing editorials about the Trump administration's assault on the media. **A journalism of peace: the media's indispensable social function**

Reactions as folks sort through the Pennsylvania grand jury report:

- **Bishops accused of brushing off sexual abuse complaints**
- **From Boston: 'It's the Same Blueprint': Locals React to Scathing Grand Jury Report on Pennsylvania's 'Predator Priests'**
- **The Vatican is blasted for 'disturbing' silence over explosive grand jury report**

Meanwhile in Great Falls, Montana -- **Judge approves $20M settlement between diocese and sexual abuse victims**

This story, posted to our website yesterday, caused a couple angry calls to our office. (They called NCR a socialist publication!) **Faith community must embrace single-payer health system**

Women religious exist to seek justice as the light of Christ in a world of darkness, Sr. Anita Baird told those gathered for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious' annual assembly Aug. 10 as she received their 2018 Outstanding Leadership Award. **Sr. Anita Baird oversaw changes in church structures that reinforced racism**

Judith Best, a School Sister of Notre Dame, offered this reflection on yesterday's Feast of the Assumption: **Mary's role in dismantling racism**

ICYMI: **Nebraska bishops invited "Catholic faithful and all people of faith" to to pause in their homes, schools and workplaces at 10 a.m. Aug. 14 to** join Nebraska's three Catholic bishops in prayer during the execution of convicted murderer Cary Dean Moore.

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Maryland parish helps Puerto Ricans still rebuilding from hurricane

Dublin, Ireland -- **Outspoken Catholic women absent from 'Voices of impact' forum**. Tomorrow you can read NCR contributor Sarah Mac Donald's curtainer-raiser on the World meeting of famlies.

Indianapolis -- Catholic high school suspends counselor. She is in a same-sex marriage.

- **'My faith hasn't been shaken,' says Roncalli school counselor whose job is on the line**
- **Roncalli High School shuts down Facebook page after counselor controversy**
- And readers react: **Letters: Roncalli guidance counselor circumvents rules**

Reader Recommended: Arthur McCaffrey, a retired Harvard University psychologist who writes frequently about child abuse, remembers SNAP founder Barbara Blaine. **A Public Voice for Private Grief**

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.