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Our team of copy editors reads and posts most of what you see on the websites for National Catholic Reporter and Global Sisters Report (the NCR project focusing on women religious). The Copy Desk Daily highlights recommended news and opinion articles that have crossed our desks on their way to you.

Cody Weddle's reporting from Venezuela has made for fascinating reading on Global Sisters Report since February 2017. Here at our Kansas City headquarters, we were saddened and worried by the news: [**Venezuelan military detains U.S. journalist, GSR contributor, after raid**](#). You can find Weddle's stories for GSR at [**his author page**](#).

[**A 'political town with pastoral needs' anticipates a new archbishop**](#): After the upheaval of the past months, Pope Francis is expected to name a new head of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. We've got an overview of the state of the Catholic Church in our nation's capital.

[**National Catholic Sisters Week goes big for its sixth year**](#). The annual celebration of women religious starts tomorrow, and more than 250 events are planned over the week, which aims to get laypeople, especially young women, engaged with sisters.

Will you go vegan for Lent? It seems like Pope Francis probably will not, going by the letter sent on his behalf to Genesis Butler, who had asked him to adopt a vegan lifestyle for the environment. Read about it in [**Pope sends blessing but no vegan**](#)

promises to 12-year-old activist.

Andrew Sullivan wants the church to get real about gay priests. The openly gay and openly Catholic writer talked about it recently at the Paulist Center in Boston.

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