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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.

Pope Francis is traveling to Romania at the beginning of June, and Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee supplies an overview of what to expect: **[Papal trip to Romania to mix Orthodox outreach, support for Eastern rite church.](#)**

Take a seat at your desk and pick up your pen (blue or black only) — it's time for **[Women Deacons 101: Final Exam](#)**. Columnist Phyllis Zagano, who served on the Vatican's commission on women in the diaconate, puts what we've learned to the test.

Compromise is in short supply on our democracy these days, and nowhere more so than in the abortion debate, thwarting any true progress on the issue. As NCR responds to recent legislative moves, we argue that **[extremist attitudes on abortion get us nowhere.](#)**

A national tragedy in Sri Lanka was very personal for a Catholic nun, whose sister and brother-in-law were killed. Global Sisters Report has a **[Q&A with Sr. Samantha Kuruppuarachchi, who lost family members in Sri Lanka's Easter bombings.](#)**

Sr. Dorothy Fernandes grieves the loss of life in an attack in the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir, as well as the hatred and misdirected blame that swirled through society after a **[suicide bombing stirs rage in India.](#)**

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