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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.

"Dear Mary," Amy Morris-Young begins, addressing her 4-year-old granddaughter, and goes on to tell her, with grief and rage and helplessness: **I'm sorry that our world is broken and dangerous.**

Another columnist writes about **Gilroy, El Paso, Dayton, and the normalization of violence**. News story after news story, Fr. Tom Reese writes, "nothing changes, except people buy more guns."

This week's Soul Seeing column finds spiritual sustenance in capturing the sacredness of life through writing, an avenue open to anyone. **Reflective writing's call is to pay attention, to be awake and aware.**

GSR has a **Q&A with Sr. Marva Hoeckelman, observer for the National Weather Service**. The Benedictine sister, who also writes nature poetry, says her volunteer weather observation is intrinsically linked to her spirituality.

And in more nature writing from GSR, Sr. Mary Bilderback says she **would never help a worm cross the road**. But she's sure tried for these "intrepid scholars of the soil."

Art Laffin, longtime activist against nuclear weapons, calls on us to **remember, repent, resist: 74 years since the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**

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