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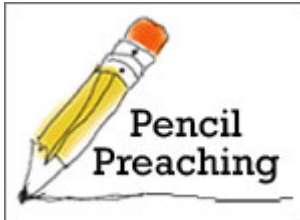
Salina, Kansas -- **Bishop endorses National Catholic Sisters Week and timed to be a part of Women's History Month.** Want more information about the week: **Inaugural Catholic Sisters Week set for March**

More on National Catholic Sisters Week: **The daily paper in Watertown, S.D. ran a notice** (though you need a subscription read the full account) and **The St. Louis Review has a very nice write up.** (No subscription required.)

And speaking of Catholic Sister, The Chicago Tribune carried the story of Sr. Peg Ivers in Chicago:
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