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**Worrisome News of the Day:** The U.S. Air Force is preparing for nuclear armed B-52 bombers to be put back on 24-hour alert for the first time in 25 years as tensions rise between North Korea and President Donald Trump. **["This is yet one more step in ensuring that we're prepared,"](#)** says General David Goldfein, Air Force chief of staff.

**Most Interesting News of the Day:** **[Liturgical translations not to be 'imposed' from Vatican](#)** Pope Francis corrects Cardinal Sarah.

**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI):** **[Gregory Baum, influential theologian of Vatican II era, dies at 94](#)**

Bong Sarmiento, the Philippines -- **[Catholics in war-torn province join protests against the discrimination of Muslim women who wear the niqab.](#)** Soldiers are reportedly forcing Muslim women to remove their niqab to check their identity.

Two environmental stories from Global Sisters Report:

- **[Using solar energy in sub-Saharan Africa: If only progress moved faster](#)**

- [Greening the motherhouse requires big investments and changing habits](#)

File this under "Undermining" and "Dismantling": [E.P.A. Cancels Talk on Climate Change by Agency Scientists](#)

[McCain hits Trump where it hurts, attacking 'bone spur' deferments in Vietnam](#)

[Al Smith dinner rakes in \\$3.4M for New York Catholic charities](#) House Speaker Paul Ryan drew about half the crowd as last year's dinner -- when then presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were a huge draw -- but sponsorship was more abundant.

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The L.A. Times is closely following the sexual harrassment story in Hollywood. Some of their latest reporting:

- [38 women have come forward to accuse director James Toback of sexual harassment](#)
- [How Harvey Weinstein used his fashion business as a pipeline to models](#)
- [Bill O'Reilly reportedly paid \\$32-million harassment settlement before signing new Fox News contract](#)
- #metoo: [Everyone is outraged over sexual harassment, but will this moment bring real change?](#)
- [More about the #metoo movement](#)

Notes from the Field is a blog written by young people volunteering in ministries of Catholic sisters. Janie Rosko is a Humility of Mary volunteer serving with the Ursuline Ministries in Youngstown, Ohio. This is Janie's first blog post. [Working on being worthy to be considered role models](#)

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