

## [Opinion](#)



by Heidi Schlumpf

[View Author Profile](#)

[hschlumpf@ncronline.org](mailto:hschlumpf@ncronline.org)

Follow on Twitter at [@heidischlumpf](#)

## [Join the Conversation](#)

October 25, 2017

[Share on Bluesky](#)[Share on Facebook](#)[Share on Twitter](#)[Email to a friend](#)[Print](#)

### **News:**

A group dedicated to defending church teaching on marriage at Georgetown University has been [accused of being a “hate group”](#) and faces possible banning and defunding.

[Indigenous activists that have been leading nonviolent campaigns against fracking in southern Mexico](#) will be honored by Pax Christi International at a ceremony in Rome this weekend.

As [Kenya prepares for a historic repeat presidential election](#) this week, sisters are playing a significant role as poll observers and voter educators.

President Trump attended the [swearing in of Callista Gingrich as U.S. ambassador to the Holy See](#) in the White House yesterday.

A [new book brings together hundreds of diplomatic positions from the Vatican’s longest-serving ambassador to the U.N.](#), revealing development of the church’s social teaching since the onset of the new millennium.

A [website is crowdsourcing a rating system on how open various churches are to LGBT people and issues](#). No Catholic parishes have been ranked yet.

A [new generation of labor priests and bishops](#), inspired by Pope Francis, are trying to reconnect the church and unions.

While actor Mark Wahlberg was in Chicago for an [event with young adult Catholics](#) last weekend, he jokingly said he should [ask God's forgiveness for playing pornographer Dirk Diggler in the movie "Boogie Nights."](#)

Stay on top of justice news with NCR's latest "[Justice Action Bulletin](#)."

### **Opinion:**

It's "Shark Week" at the Daily Theology blog, with a week's worth of reflections on faith and racial injustice, such as this one on [author Ta-Nehisi Coates and hope](#) and another on "[Why I got off Facebook after Charlottesville](#)."

Two suburban Catholic high schools cancelled football games at a school in a crime-ridden neighborhood in Chicago. This [Chicago Tribune editorial quotes St. Francis of Assisi in](#) urging schools to get past their fear and do the right thing.

As the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation approaches, [a Catholic and Protestant theologian debate whether the Reformation was a mistake or not](#). Also, NCR columnist Bill Tammeus reviews a book on [what Protestantism offers to the Global South](#).

The [unprecedented rebuke of Cardinal Sarah by Pope Francis](#) sends a broader message that insubordination will not be tolerated at the curia any longer, says Michael Sean Winters.

Remembering [five Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters killed in the Liberian civil war 25 years ago](#).

ICYMI: Last Friday's [NCR in Conversation podcast featured a discussion about gender, sexuality and the church](#) with NCR books editor Jamie Manson, feminist theologian Mary Hunt, and Dignity USA executive director Marianne Duddy-Burke.

Advertisement