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Vatican correspondent [Joshua McElwee notes a change in approach](#) on controversial women's issues by the organizers of the Voices of Faith event, which decided to [move its event after the Vatican rejected three speakers](#).

Immigration was in the news yesterday, as President Trump's chief of staff [said Trump will not extend the March 5 DACA deadline](#) (he also said some "Dreamers" were too lazy to sign up for DACA). Later, Trump tried to pressure Congress for an immigration deal, saying a government shutdown "[would be worth it.](#)"

Attendees from the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering were on Capitol Hill yesterday, asking lawmakers for international aid and diplomacy, domestic safety net programs and a narrow DACA bill. Our coverage of the four-day social ministry conference is [here](#). More to come.

One reason families leave Mexico is violence. On Monday [two priests were gunned down](#) in a part of Mexico that is rife with drug cartel violence.

Around the U.S., the resistance is busy:

- [A Camden bishop joined protesters](#) trying to stop the deportation of two Mexican immigrants. They were unsuccessful.

- Catholics held a [prayer service for “Dreamers”](#) on Capitol Hill yesterday.
- A protest against drones, a webinar on human trafficking and more in this week’s [Justice Action Bulletin](#).

ICYMI: The [head of the bishops’ new Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism](#) had strong words about the church’s complicity and need to do more on this issue. Case in point: Students at a Cincinnati Catholic high school [shouted racial taunts](#) at an African-American and biracial player from another Catholic school.

[Race is becoming a major issue in the Illinois governor’s race](#), especially after the release of a taped phone call of Democratic candidate J.B. Pritzker making disparaging remarks about African-Americans.

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[Michael Sean Winters breaks down Pope Francis’ recent document on ecclesiastical universities](#) (those that grant pontifical degrees) and concludes that this pope is no radical.

[Massimo Faggioli of Villanova University reviewed the late Archbishop John Quinn’s book](#) on the First Vatican Council. Like Quinn’s earlier *Reform of the Papacy*, his last book, *Revered and Reviled*, is worth reading, Faggioli says.

NCR Editor Dennis Coday got [positive \(and some negative\) reaction](#) to his recent column on “[living in tension](#).”

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Last week’s “[NCR in Conversation](#)” [podcast](#) featured another podcaster, Tim Uhl, superintendent of Montana Catholic Schools and the host of the “[Catholic School Matters](#)” podcast. That’s another one for my list of Catholic podcasts.

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