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Sr. Mary Lou Palas of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speaks at Standup Sisters 2017 event at La Roche College. (Ryan Haggerty)

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Kira Schlesinger's *Pro-Choice and Christian: Reconciling Faith, Politics and Justice*, published by Westminster John Knox Press in 2017, argues that many people of faith

find themselves in a murky middle of the supposedly black-and-white issue of abortion.

During National Catholic Sisters Week, Catholic sisters tell their stories at Standup Sisters, a live storytelling event.

On the show today:

- [Kelly Stewart](#), NCR contributor and doctoral student in theological studies at Vanderbilt University
- Kira Schlesinger, [author](#) and interim rector at [St. Ann's Episcopal Church](#) in Nashville
- Excerpts from [Standup Sisters](#), a live annual storytelling show hosted during National Catholic Sisters Week

Background reading and listening:

- Schlesinger's writing is clear and engaging and her analysis is critical but respectful, [writes](#) Kelly Stewart.
- "Pro-Choice and Christian: Reconciling Faith, Politics and Justice" is available from [Westminster John Knox Press](#).
- In addition to Standup Sisters: Green Habits, the [fifth annual National Catholic Sisters Week](#) included nearly 80 events funded by mini-grants, including activities such as bowling with sisters and making chocolates.
- You can listen to past stories shared at Standup Sisters on their [SoundCloud](#) page.

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