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They are on the streets making America great again: [Faith-based protesters flock to Washington to counter white supremacists](#)

The LCWR meeting in St. Louis also took to the streets: [LCWR assembly reaffirms commitment to addressing 'the sin of racism'](#). Global Sisters Report attended LCWR — [read all the coverage here.](#)

Brian Flanagan, theologian at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, asks ['The New Ultramontanists': Why do some Catholics fear change?](#)

The United Nations has warned that there could be a "bloodbath" as Syrian government and Russian forces [prepare to assault the last major rebel stronghold, in Idlib province, putting millions -- many internally displaced civilians -- at risk.](#) And children. [Children among dozens killed by explosion at Syria weapons depot - reports](#)

Saada, Yemen -- Thousands of mourners gathered on Monday to [bury dozens of children killed in a Saudi-led coalition air strike](#) on a bus in northern Yemen.

Commentary: [**I don't remember voting for U.S. bombs to murder little kids in Yemen, do you?**](#) By Will Bunch

An NCR editorial: [**The nations that could stop Yemen's deadly crisis won't**](#)

This was posted to the website late last week; you might have missed it: [**Richard Sipe, pioneering expert in clergy sexual abuse, dies at 85**](#)

Priest and theologian James Alison has two essays over at The Tablet that are well worth your time: (You may have to register to read them)

- [**Homosexuality among the clergy: caught in a trap of dishonesty**](#)
- [**The lying trap: why gay priests can be truthful about their sexuality**](#)

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As long as you are at The Tablet website, check out Bishop Thomas Gumbleton's remembrance [**Blessed is the peacemaker: Archbishop Emeritus Raymond Hunthausen**](#)

Chile's Catholic bishops have appointed Ana Maria Celis Brunet, an experienced lawyer and theologian, [**to lead the fight against clerical sexual abuse**](#) in her new role as president of the National Council of the Chilean Church for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Accompaniment of Victims.

Kerala, India -- [**Bishop may be arrested today, government tells Kerala High Court**](#)

Aug. 15 is Archbishop Oscar Romero's birthday. The British Archbishop Romero Trust celebrated a Mass in anticipation of the birthday anniversary and as a lead-up to mark the archbishop's canonization in October. [**Romero: 'a force for good in Americas and whole world'**](#)

Pope Francis' exhortation [**Gaudete et Exsultate \("Rejoice and Be Glad"\)**](#) has inspired many. NCR and Celebration have the resources to help you on your [**journey of 'small holiness'**](#).

- Start your day inspired with daily Scripture reflections. Join NCR's sister publication, Celebration, for [**Daily Bread**](#), a series of short reflections written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings.

- Or reflect on [Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin](#). Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.