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The March of Life is today. [**Trump, Unlikely Champion Of Anti-Abortion Rights Movement, To Address March For Life**](#)

Take a listen to this: NPR's Rachel Martin talks to Kristan Hawkins, president of the anti-abortion group Students for Life America, [**about what she wants to hear from President Trump when he addresses the March for Life rally Friday.**](#) Hawkins talks about her Catholic faith as motivation for pro-life work.

This weekend makes one year since President Donald Trump was sworn into office: [**New poll shows Trump with historically low approval rating**](#)

Read NCR's retrospective of the president's first year: [**A Nation Under Trump**](#)

These were the three most-read stories on the NCR website yesterday:

- [**Chittister calls for formal censure of President Trump**](#)
- [**Francis defends Chilean bishop accused of abuse cover-up**](#)
- [**Francis asks Chile to protect migrants, 'icon of the Holy Family'**](#)

Pope Francis has left Chile and is now in Peru. NCR Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee is with him. [**Read all of NCR coverage here.**](#)

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Have you heard people talking about "chain-migration"? Here is a simple, easy to follow explanation: [**'Chain migration' misrepresents reality, say Catholic advocates**](#). Share it with your friends (and maybe an elected official or two).

You can share this NCR editorial as well: [**Stop mass deportations now**](#)

Why share this editorial? A bitterly divided Congress [**hurtled toward a government shutdown this weekend**](#) in a partisan stare-down over demands by Democrats for a solution on politically fraught legislation to protect about 700,000 younger immigrants from being deported.

And there is this: [**Justice Department Asks Supreme Court to Reverse Court Ruling Protecting DREAMers**](#)

"[The Catholic] understanding of migration is rooted in need, not merit."

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Celebrity chef John Besh's role in his restaurant group [**remains uncertain, New York Times reports.**](#) NCR reported on this story a couple months ago. Besh had ties with Catholic celebrity chef Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the University of Notre Dame and the New Orleans Archdiocese. [**Chef's Catholic connections in spotlight after sexual harassment allegations**](#)

[**Sexual harassment and assault rife at United Nations, staff claim**](#)

Not sure what the significance is, but this bears studying, I'd say: [**They're Waiting Longer, but U.S. Women Today More Likely to Have Children Than a Decade Ago**](#). More than half of never-married women in their early 40s have given birth.

This is really a most interesting report about consecrated women religious living in the Holy Land: [**Holy Land's religious talk openly on hierarchy, charism at encounter events**](#)

Q & A with Sr. Donna Liette, [**part of a Chicago reconciliation ministry**](#)

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