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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.