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Holy Week is coming. Have you prepared?

We offer you a chance to enhance your prayer and reflection over these holy days using Sunday commentaries, articles, art and graphics from our two sister publications Celebration and Global Sisters Report. [Visit all the resources on the Celebration page.](#) NCR and its sister publications offer quite a few resources for

Lent (and when appropriate, the Easter season):

- 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.

ALBANY — Cardinal Timothy Dolan urged Gov. Cuomo and state lawmakers to reject any legislation that gives child abuse victims a window to revive old legal cases. [\*\*He said a "lookback would be toxic for us" because it would lead to a flurry of cases against the church.\*\*](#)

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN — After a sting operation resulted in the arrest of a Saginaw diocese priest in late February, another priest has been suspended amid reports of sexual misconduct, [\*\*and diocesan property has been raided by the police.\*\*](#) Police report the diocese has not fully cooperated with law enforcement.

The Catholic #MeToo: [\*\*Christendom College alumni call for Title IX response to sexual assaults\*\*](#)

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND -- [\*\*Catholic church leaders urged to adopt stricter, more transparent policies for priests who father children.\*\*](#) We want more than sympathy, says founder of [\*\*Coping International\*\*](#). Here's some background: [\*\*NZ bishops pass up Irish guidelines on children of priests\*\*](#)

NCR national correspondent Heidi Schlumpf's three-part profile of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students is now available in full online.

Of late, there has been much talk about young Catholics and their connections -- or lack of connections -- to the church. But one national ministry has had massive success reaching out to college-age Catholics: FOCUS. In this three-part series, Schlumpf takes an in-depth look at this organization.

- [\*\*Part 1: FOCUS' emphasis on the new evangelization\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Part 2: FOCUS' substantial financial resources and connections to conservative organizations\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Part 3: FOCUS' plan for expansion into parishes\*\*](#)

Tomorrow is the March for Our Lives, where high school students will lead protests in Washington D.C. and across the nation in support of common sense gun legislation. [\*\*US Catholic sisters plan participation in March For Our Lives.\*\*](#) Watch the NCR homepage for reporting on these events tomorrow.

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Fr. Jim Good, [\*\*the Irish priest from County Cork who became the first Irish cleric to oppose the Catholic Church's ban on artificial contraception,\*\*](#) has died. He was 94.

Russia's minority Catholic Church has pledged to help build a civil society after the nation's March 18 election [\*\*and called on President Vladimir Putin to "justify voters' confidence" after his victory.\*\*](#)

The headlines from Washington this morning:

- [\*\*The return of John Bolton, a hawk on North Korea and Iran, sparks concerns\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Bolton Brings Hawkish Perspective To North Korea, Iran Strategy\*\*](#)
- [\*\*John Bolton finally made it into the White House. Does this mean war?\*\*](#)

[\*\*Who is John Bolton?\*\*](#) From Israel-Palestine to North Korea, here's where the newly-appointed national security adviser stands on key issues.

Michael Sean Winters takes a look at support for Conor Lamb and Dan Lipinski and says the [\*\*latest Democratic election victories shed light on culture-war campaigning.\*\*](#)

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