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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 <u>'The</u> 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: **<u>Richard</u> <u>Sipe, pioneering expert in clergy sexual abuse, dies at 85</u>**

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, <u>to lead the fight against clerical sexual abuse</u> 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 <u>Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and Be Glad")</u> has inspired many. NCR and Celebration have the resources to help you on your journey of 'small holiness'.

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