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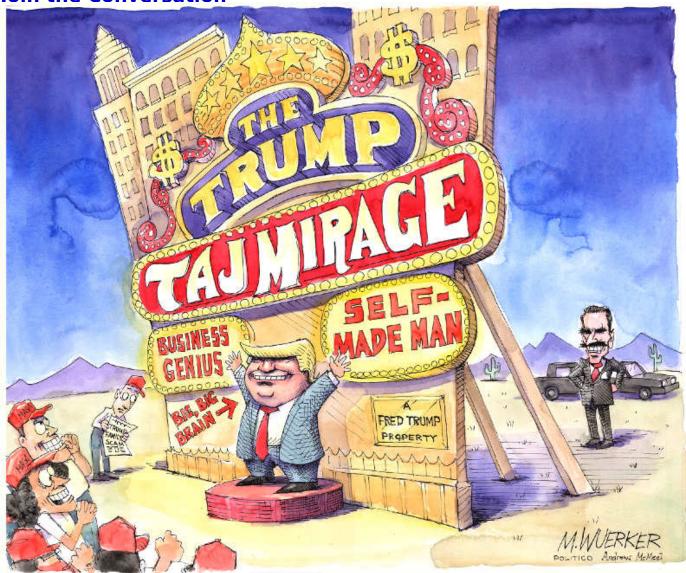
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With Kavanaugh Confirmed, <u>Both Sides Of Abortion Debate Gear Up For Battle</u> Planned Parenthood has a new strategy designed to prepare for the possibility of a nation without the federal protections for abortion rights outlined in the 1973 *Roe* v. *Wade* decision.

Once upon a time, Republicans wanted nothing more than to reform Medicare. A look at how that's changed. How eight years - and President Trump - have changed the GOP's tune on Medicare

The abuse crisis continues to unfold: Washington Cardinal Wuerl resigns, ending influential tenure in wake of abuse report

Michael Sean Winters says <u>Wuerl was hounded from office for becoming face</u> of abuse crisis

In an action to be more transparent, the 15 Catholic dioceses in Texas <u>will release</u> the names of clergy who were credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor.

The Roman Catholic bishops of the Nashville and Knoxville dioceses are speaking out against the looming execution of death row inmate Edmund Zagorski. The Roman Catholic bishops of the Nashville and Knoxville dioceses are speaking out against the looming execution of death row inmate Edmund Zagorski."

Two cases now before the Supreme Court: **Supreme Court examines dementia,** health issues in death penalty cases

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A federal judge in San Francisco struck down a lawsuit Thursday by the American Civil Liberties Union that claimed U.S. Health and Human Services violated the separation of church and state by allocating millions of dollars to faith-based groups that took in unaccompanied immigrant minors but refused to give them birth control or access to abortions. Filed in 2016, the lawsuit alleged groups like the U.S.
minors, some of whom were raped or victims of sex trafficking, to obtain birth control.

Pope Francis will canonize seven saints this weekend. The headliners are Archbishop Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI. Read NCRonline.org this weekend for live reports. Meanwhile there is this:

- An NCR editoral calls Romero and Paul <u>Dangerous saints for desperate</u>
 <u>times</u> "Remarkably, these two saints shared a martyrdom that built the bridge
 that supports a single trajectory, inspired by the Holy Spirit, that will renew the
 church and reveal again the mystery of Jesus as the engine of history."
- Canonization gives Blessed Catherine Kasper 'much different impact' on church
- By veteran journalist Gene Palumbo: <u>Archbishop Óscar Romero: setting the</u>
 record straight

Nuns on the Bus take a "sea to shining sea" tour of the USA to discuss tax policy.

They left the sandy beaches of Santa Monica Oct. 8. They aim to be at Mar-a-Lago, Florida the weekend before Election Day. Here are the first to dispatches:

- Nuns on the Bus 2018 travelogue: Off to create action
- Nuns on the Bus 2018: A kaleidoscope of faces for the first day

Read daily dispatches from the road here: Nuns on the Bus 2018

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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'**.