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Alex Mikulich reminds us that this week marks the anniversary of when the United States used the most destructive bombs ever on Japan. He says: "As a people, as a nation, our worship for our military might and weapons has only deepened over the seven decades since we dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It's time to face our own violence and renew Catholic nonviolence." [Read more.](#)

Jesuit Fr. Jack Podsiadlo, 79, spent decades at the Nativity Mission Center, a pioneering middle school for Latino boys on the Lower East Side of New York, before leading a Latino leadership program in Richmond, Virginia, for six years. He recently moved back to New York to begin his retirement in the Bronx. [Read more.](#)

In case you missed this: Toni Morrison, award-winning author of 11 novels whose words brought to life the experiences of African American women, died Aug. 5 at age 88 in New York due to complications from pneumonia. [Read more.](#)

"Early on, I knew some of my students came from less than ideal homes and some came from rough neighborhoods, but I believed school was a safe space for all of

them, for all of us. Now I know nothing is further from the truth," writes Sr. Jane Marie Bradish, a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis. [Read more.](#)

It's that time of year: With an expanded guest list "to widen the circle of insight," the 2019 assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious will be held Aug. 13-16 event in Scottsdale, Arizona. The theme for this year's annual event is "Imagining leadership in a global community," an approach to bring sessions' disparate subjects — such as racism, climate change and strategic planning — into a cohesive whole. [Read more.](#)

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