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: Thailand's entire Catholic community is less than one percent of its over 68 million people. But in Bangkok, as Guy Wagner reports, Ursuline sisters run an all-girls K-12 Catholic school that is thriving. The story features several videos and a photo slideshow.

[\*\*Buying the nomination is exactly what Bloomberg is trying to do\*\*](#): "The Democratic Party was founded to combat the moneyed interest, not to kowtow to it," Michael Sean Winters writes. He explains why the presidential candidacy of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg should be frowned upon.

It's Happening columnist Colman McCarthy has always abstained from caucusing in Iowa. "My appreciation for Iowa and its citizens goes far deeper than the quadrennial hoopla," he writes, "of a kind that centers on bracing friendships with some of its standout heroes": [\*\*As caucus hoopla subsides, remember these heroic Iowans\*\*](#)

#### [\*\*A young woman's suicide puts focus on church's counseling for LGBT\*\*](#)

[\*\*Catholics\*\*](#): Gay conversion therapy for minors is banned in Colorado, but religious counselors remain exempt. Alana Chen's mother and sister want that to change. As

Carina Julig reports, "they believe the religious counseling Chen received contributed to her death."

Chris Herlinger speaks to Sr. Marvie Misolas, a Maryknoll Sisters representative at the United Nations, and Sr. Nonie Gutzler, congregation president, in advance of the Feb. 20 U.N. World Day of Social Justice: [\*\*Affirming the dignity of those forgotten, shunned, ignored.\*\*](#)

NCR is tracking reaction to the pope's response to the Amazon synod, his apostolic exhortation *Querida Amazonia*. You can catch up on [\*\*all our coverage and commentary here.\*\*](#)

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