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John Carr, director of Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought in Public Life, and Kim Daniels, who formerly worked as a communications adviser at the U.S. bishops' conference, convened a three-day conference of 80 or so Catholic leaders, clerical and lay, to explore the question: What role can Catholic social teaching play in bringing together a divided nation? NCR was there.

Julie Bourbon covered a public panel and filed this report: Religious leaders discuss overcoming polarization through dialogue, dispelling fear

Michael Sean Winters attended the conference and writes about it this morning: **Ending polarization takes getting into rabbit holes**

Bourbon covered another event Carr hosted last month: **Georgetown panel debates faith and the Republican Party**

Foreign policy will be on center stage for the next week or so, starting with the G-7 meeting in Canada today and the Trump-Kim summit in Singapore next week. Some offerings in that vein.

U.S. leader hopes to force more favorable trade terms but other states resolved to stop him. **Donald Trump shows no sign of compromise as he flies in for G7 summit**

Not matter which way it goes, **North Korea summit is a signature moment for Trump and his challenge to the foreign policy establishment**

What's happening at the State Department? <u>Pompeo's Pledge to Lift Hiring</u>
<u>Freeze at State Department Hits Big Snag</u> Diplomats who welcomed the new secretary of state are now feeling let down.

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Which leads us into this offering from Global Sisters Report's Chris Herlinger: <u>How</u> would foreign policy change if women held the reins of diplomacy?

Robert Reich asks: Is Trump pushing America towards a second civil war?

And speaking of war, Catholic peace activist Kathy Kelly reports from the front lines of our still unsolved adventure: **Afghans, Parched for Water, March for Peace**

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., known as CLINIC, held its annual meeting in Tucson, Arizona. "Perspectives on Border Life" told stories from multiple perspectives: None of the stories were pretty. **Border-crossers face ICE 'intimidation,' brutal heat, tensions**

And it's not just the border regions living n fear. Did you read about the ICE raid on a landscaping business in Sandusky, Ohio? <u>After raid, Ohio bishops says</u> immigration system contributes to suffering

NCR's Peter Feuerherd filed this report: <u>As fear permeates immigrant</u> communities, US bishops' responses vary

So many 50th anniversary events this year. One revival NCR is following is that of Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign. Poor People's Campaign turns its attention to health care, environment

This morning the Vatican released a preparatory paper for the 2019 special assembly of the Synod of Bishops of the Amazon. It notes that the church's ministry in the nine-nation region is overextended and calls for consideration of "new ways" to allow laypeople "better and more frequent access to the Eucharist." We'll be watching that closely.

And finally, the media reporter for Reuters caught up with our film critic, Sr. Rose Pacatte and filed this report: **Sex to superheroes: Sister Rose shepherds Catholics through Hollywood movies**

Have you been inspired by Pope Francis' exhortation <u>Gaudete et Exsultate</u> ("Rejoice and Be Glad") to join the journey of 'small holiness', NCR and Celebration have the resources to help:

- 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.