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President Donald Trump is to unveil his second Supreme Court pick tonight "with the prime-time flourish of a reality show star," says Stephen Collinson at CNN Politics:

[\*\*Trump to unveil Supreme Court pick for the ages\*\*](#)

NCR's Heidi Schlumpf reported on one of his candidates: [\*\*Prospective Supreme Court nominee \(Judge Amy Coney Barrett\) puts spotlight on People of Praise\*\*](#)

The Washington Post followed with this story: [\*\*The story behind potential Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett's little-known Catholic group, People of Praise\*\*](#)

As whoemver the nominee is moves through the confirmation process, Michael Sean Winters makes this observation: [\*\*Abortion and the Supreme Court: how the debate has changed\*\*](#)

Another piece from the Washington Post: [\*\*Catholics on the court: The historical struggle between canon and constitutional law\*\*](#)

A record number of women have declared their candidacy in 2018, including progressive Catholic women whose campaigns have been informed and inspired by Catholic Social Teaching but Heidi Schlumpf tells us [\*\*they aren't running as "Catholic candidates."\*\*](#)

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Have you read Pope Francis' exhortation [\*\*Gaudete et Exultate \("Rejoice and Be Glad"\)\*\*](#)? NCR and Celebration have the resources to help you on your [\*\*journey of 'small holiness'\*\*](#).

- 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.

Manila, Philippines -- Philippine Catholic bishops on Monday called for fasting and prayers after President Rodrigo Duterte called God "stupid" and questioned God's existence in profane remarks [\*\*that set the foul-mouthed leader on a collision course with Asia's largest Catholic church.\*\*](#)

**Trouble brewing in Pennsylvania:** A statewide grand jury was empaneled in 2016 to investigate allegations of clergy sex abuse across six Roman Catholic dioceses. The findings are widely expected to expose decades-old abuse of children at the hands of priests in the dioceses of Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Allentown, Scranton, Erie and Greensburg. In late June, the high court [\*\*issued a stay on its release\*\*](#). Last week [\*\*priests named in the investigation tried to discredit media efforts to release sex abuse report\*\*](#) and we learned that they engaged some high-powered, high priced lawyers, which prompted the question: [\*\*Where does a priest get the money to retain an expensive lawyer?\*\*](#)

Kansas City Star columnist Mary Sanchez believes the [\*\*Catholic Church is delivering on longstanding promises about clerical abuse.\*\*](#)

I hope you saw this from late last week: Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas, pastor of St. Mark's Parish, El Paso, Texas, sent [\*\*a dispatch from a parish on the El Paso-Juárez border\*\*](#)

Our editorial on the subject: [\*\*Return compassion to migration debate\*\*](#)

The Diocese of Memphis was the subject of a three-day visitation in June by a two-member archbishop team who will report [\*\*to Pope Francis on the state of the church in western Tennessee\*\*](#). The visitors were Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta and Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

Catholics in Australia are preparing for a plenary council in 2020. Here are some things to expect and suggestions (if you're Australian) on what to do: [\*\*What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?\*\*](#)