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With words like "treason" and "impeachment" in the air, [President Trump claims he misspoke](#) about whether Russia tried to influence the 2016 presidential election.

Speaking of Trump in a now-deleted Facebook post of a letter sent to the Helena diocesan administrator, one of the priests in Montana explains his motive for attending the controversial Trump rally: "Divine Providence has placed the formation of SCOTUS into the hands of President Trump." [This tweet](#) has the screenshots.

Meanwhile, this week's [Field Hospital parish round-up](#) includes a link to another Montana priest's comments on that incident, saying, "it is the duty of the pastor to preserve the church as a refuge for peace and respect."

Then there is this: [Researchers find link between Trump tweets and spike in anti-Muslim hate](#).

Remember [last year's Civiltà Cattolica article](#) critiquing some U.S. evangelicals' and some Catholics' links to conservative politics? The authors, Jesuit Fr. Antonio Spadaro and Rev. Marcelo Figueroa, are at it again with a piece on the "[prosperity gospel](#)." Hint: God does not want us to be rich.

ICYMI: Catholic #MeToo victims and activists are facing backlash in the form of online bullying and legal action.

In international news, as Zimbabwe's July 30 elections draw near, [church leaders are calling for a peaceful and credible process](#).

Geoengineering for greenhouse gas removal and solar radiation management could help address climate change. [But is it playing God?](#)

[Global Sisters Report](#) has an interesting look at the 12 percent of religious brothers and sisters who were not born Catholic.

At the [inaugural Joan Chittister Institute for Contemporary Spirituality](#), eight young feminist theologians weren't afraid to ask difficult questions that challenge the church.

A [GoFundMe page has been set up for Charlottesville activist and theology student Eric Martin](#), to help with legal representation for his upcoming July 24 trial date for standing up to a white supremacist at the University of Virginia Law Library. (And more justice news in this week's [Justice Action Bulletin](#).)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics, finally [gets her due in a biography](#) by Eileen McNamara. (Fun fact: Shriver spoke at my 1988 graduation at Notre Dame, when she [received the Laetare Medal](#).)

[Mary of Magdala's feast day is this Sunday, July 22](#). FutureChurch has resources for those who want to celebrate the "Apostle to the Apostles."

I've toured America magazine's new offices in New York City, and they're as impressive as this [New York Times real estate section article](#) describe. Envy is a sin, right?

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