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Today, Feb. 15, is Jeanne Atkinson's last day as executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, a role she has served since March 2013. Maria Benevento reports on Atkinson's tenure and impact at the nation's largest network of nonprofit immigration programs.

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NCR's choice for 2018's Catholic [Newsmaker of the Year](#) was former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. We received many letters to the editor. At the link below, you'll find reactions from your fellow NCR readers.

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During a talk at Purdue, Howard Schultz asked if anyone in the room believed the government is working well. No one raised their hand. Michael Sean Winters wishes that he had been there. He has a hypothetical reply for Schultz.

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Some of my favorite science-fiction movies are stories about humans and cyborgs, like "Robocop" and "The Terminator." I've been curious what critics would say about Robert Rodriguez's cyborg-centric "Alita: Battle Angel." Sr. Rose Pacatte -- a Terminator fan herself -- was not a fan.

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"Unless church officials can come to recognize the standpoint of privilege and power that they occupy, and how it might be distorting their understanding of priesthood, of equality, of sex and sex abuse it is hard in the current moment to see a way out of the crisis they have created," Michele Dillon writes. "Euphemization has enabled the hierarchy to mask the double truths — celibacy/sexual activity and priestly service/power — that have sustained its consecrated status for many generations of Catholics."

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