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Peter Feuerherd reports on the Catholic-sponsored New York Encounter. According to Feuerherd, the event's theme, "Something to Start From," was apt.

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Michael Sean Winters reviews Jesuit Fr. John O'Malley's *Vatican I: The Council and the Making of the Ultramontane Church*, calling it "a much needed and very informative history."

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In NCR's latest editorial, we ask: "The church is being made small in this current, major humiliation. ... Having been humiliated, how do we now live in authentic humility?" Perhaps we can find a balm in one of the Catholic community's most well-known symbols.

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Mariam Williams is marketing her online courses but feels gross about it. "I have to use exclamation points. My writing almost never includes exclamation points." Williams navigates a system of rituals in her latest column.

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Readers sounded off about Melinda Henneberger's perspective "Why I left the church, and what I'm hearing about it" and Fr. David Knight's counterargument to her. NCR's sampling of reader responses continues.

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