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How Mother Angelica's 'miracle of God' became a global media empire: The history of EWTN involves Mother Angelica's saavy business decisions. Part Four of Heidi Schlumpf's series tracks the network founder's rise as a culture warrior in the 1990s.

Michael Sean Winters writes: "It did not hit me until the U.S. House of Representatives voted to condemn President Donald Trump's racist tweets on Tuesday. Trump really is making America great again."

In NCR's latest editorial, we say: The president is a racist and is using age-old racist tropes to open ever deeper divisions in the body politic. And yet. We hear from some Catholic and evangelical quarters that he is "the most pro-life president" ever. We hear from some that the man may be despicable but "some of his policies are obviously working." But this is not politics as usual.

During their recent trip to Italy, NCR executive editor Tom Roberts and his wife took a train from Rome to Milan. **In NCR Connections**, Roberts unpacks a thought from the train, about "the tension between authority and charisma, between exuberant freedom and institutional necessities." Read on for more about NCR's new climate editor, Bill Mitchell.

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