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NCR's Grace on the Margins columnist Jamie Manson has [her own take](#) on why the U.S. bishops would ally themselves (at the March for Life) with President Donald Trump: "There is plenty of evidence to suggest that the real endgame in the bishops' anti-abortion fight is the radical desire to control women's agency and women's fertility."

More from our opinion section: Jesuit Fr. Tom Reese at Religion News Service [talks about the forthcoming Vatican report](#) on former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

Pauline Sr. Rose Pacatte [looks at the halftime show](#) at Super Bowl LIV and asks whether the NFL ought to make it family-friendly and do something about the human trafficking, too.

U.S. President Donald Trump (did you watch/listen to the State of the Union address last night?) has [included Brazilians](#) in the "remain in Mexico" policy on northward migration (announced Jan. 29). NCR has a [report on a different aspect of Brazil](#), the

country with the world's largest Catholic population: "From the 1990s on, it started to shrink about 1% per year," and evangelicals are gaining.

On the other side of the world (Rome): The National Conservatism project held a daylong conference that included mixed clarion calls against "hegemonic progressivism" with occasional warnings about Pope Francis' vision for the Catholic Church. [Read what the coalition of right-wing nationalist groups are concerned about.](#)

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