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- We hope we can enhance your prayer and reflection over these holy days using Sunday commentaries, articles, art and graphics from Celebration as well as from our sister publications, National Catholic Reporter and Global Sister Report. **Visit all the resources on the Celebration page.**

Here is some news that broke on Saturday:

- **Vatican investigator meets with Chilean abuse victim in New York**
  Archbishop Scicluna receiving testimony in the Fr. Karadima/Bishop Barros case.

- **Francis renews the mandate of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors** but six members are not reappoint

High school students pledge to take on politicians who take money from the NRA. Stay tuned for more on this.

- **Parkland survivors rip politicians' 'pathetic' responses**
- **Students after Florida shooting: You're either with us or against us**
- **Florida teen shooting survivors announce 'March for Our Lives' demonstration in Washington**

Want to get involved? **7 Actions You Can Take to Prevent Gun Violence**

Michael Sean Winters thinks Baltimore Archbishop Lori's **pastoral on Martin Luther King Jr. and nonviolence is timely, engaging**. Winters writes: "Regular readers will know that I have had my disagreements with Lori in the past. And, consequently, it gives me the greatest of pleasures to commend him for this pastoral letter."

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Archbishop of Erbil tells a Georgetown audience: **Christians in Iraq are 'scourged, wounded, but still there'**

Commentary from Global Sisters Report: **Presidents Day takes place amid US struggles with division, identity**

Nasese, Fiji -- **Seminary students do their bit for environmentalism**

Analysis: **Being religious doesn't make you greener**. When it comes to the environment, American Christians are divided along political lines.

How Industry Has Taken Over Scott Pruitt's EPA Most of its "deregulatory" actions and planned initiatives match up with specific industry requests.

Pocatello, Idaho -- **A small team of Holy Spirit Catholic School students has been working with city officials to improve the wetland on First Avenue in Pocatello**.

George Weigel says, **Pope Francis Is Playacting Realpolitik**. When it comes to the Vatican's diplomacy with China, and other authoritarian governments, Francis is operating under on a century-old fantasy of its worldly power, Weigel says.