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Feeling the same pressures felt by many private universities, [\*\*Fordham endures disputes over faculty health care, unionizing\*\*](#)

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious is meeting this week in Orlando. Global Sisters Report will be there: [\*\*Sister leaders to connect contemplation with real world at 2017 LCWR assembly\*\*](#)

[\*\*Trump says his political base is 'stronger than ever' despite polling to the contrary\*\*](#)

Is the Catholic Church drawing a line in the sand with the Trump administration? Is immigration and refugees the issue that will cause a split?

- [\*\*Chicago to sue Trump administration over sanctuary city funding threat\*\*](#)
- Newsweek asks, "Is the Catholic Church turning on Trump? [\*\*U.S. bishops slam immigration proposals as 'discriminatory.'\*\*](#)"

- Time says [\*\*President Trump's Evangelical Advisers Seek to Tamp Down Vatican Criticism\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Trump's travel ban keeps orphan kids from U.S. foster families\*\*](#)

The Philippines has seen a recent increase in reported and publicly known cases of Catholic clergy sexually abusing minors. This raises the question: [\*\*How do the Philippine Catholic bishops investigate clergy abuse?\*\*](#) Would you believe that they use a marriage tribunal?

Lay Catholics and women religious in India have been pushing their bishops for more transparency in abuse cases. Two recent NCR stories:

- From May 1 -- [\*\*Indian Catholics frustrated over clergy sex abuse cases\*\*](#)
- From July 10 -- [\*\*Secrecy over clergy abuse standards causes confusion in India\*\*](#)

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Michael Sean Winters says [\*\*No litmus test on abortion: a good sign for Democrats\*\*](#)

This is what NCR said in an editorial in April: [\*\*Abortion fundamentalism overwhelms Democrats\*\*](#)

Coadjutor bishop Michael Yeung Ming-cheung will become the new head of the Catholic diocese in Hong Kong after [\*\*Pope Francis approved the retirement of Cardinal John Tong Hon a day after he turned 78.\*\*](#)

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