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Students are heading back to school soon and NCR has a special series this week on schools, specifically focusing on LGBT students. The first story in our series is up today: [**Catholic schools balance gay-straight alliance clubs with beliefs**](#). Keep your eye out for a few more stories to come this week.

ICYMI: Global Sisters Report was there all week at LCWR. The latest report: [**LCWR looks to the future with openness, communion and contemplation**](#). Read all the coverage [here](#).

Also new at Global Sisters Report: [**Chicago sisters work to bring peace to streets torn by violence**](#)

In other news around the web:

[**Catholic bishops condemn white supremacist rally that left one dead in Charlottesville**](#).

Commentary: [**The hatred in Charlottesville does not surprise me.**](#) NCR will have its own commentary on the tragedy later today.

[**Emotional abuse substantiated at Catholic Charities group home**](#)

[**Great migration from northeastern U.S. fuels Catholic growth in South Carolina**](#)

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[**Pope Francis courting Asia again**](#) with Myanmar, Bangladesh trips, but China ...

[**Australian Church warns of 'same-sex coercion' for schools**](#)

[**French archbishop admits failings in response to pedophile scandal**](#)

[**How to go to confession when you haven't gone in years**](#)