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NCR has long advocated for common sense gun laws. Here are some of our more recent editorials:

- [Orlando surfaces issues of moral urgency](#) June 2016. After Orlando, Columbine, Sandy Hook, San Bernardino, Fort Hood, Virginia Tech, Charleston, to name just some of the better-known shootings.
- [Now is the time for action on guns](#) October 2017, after a gunman mowed down hundreds of people in Las Vegas.
- [Get behind common-sense agenda on guns](#) after the mass shooting at Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon, Oct. 1, 2015.

We've covered the tragedies and tried to make sense of them:

- [But guns make us safer, right?](#)
- [Effort aims to curb gun deaths](#) From 1982 until 2011, the United States experienced a deadly public mass shooting about every 200 days, Harvard research shows. In the following three-year period, the average escalated to every 64 days.
- [Congress takes on legislation to loosen access to guns](#)

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Does it feel like we've turned a corner since Parkland?

- [Catholic students join Florida school walkouts for gun reform](#)
- [Trump floats pay bonus for teachers who carry guns in class](#)
- [Trump's plan for teachers to pack guns is crazy, will only cause more violence, educators say](#)
- [NRA's Wayne LaPierre makes it clear he isn't backing down on guns -- or the culture wars](#)

Here are a few other things we're trying to keep our eyes on.

The UN Security Council is struggling to pass a resolution seeking a ceasefire in Syria as a rebel-held area has been bombarded for a sixth day. [Syria war: Ghouta pounded as UN tussles over ceasefire](#)

'Nation of immigrants' no longer: The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services changed its official mission statement late Thursday dropping language that said it is devoted [to securing "America's promise as a nation of immigrants."](#)

On Monday, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case that could weaken unions or reaffirm their importance. Michael Sean Winters has been following the case and has this to say today: [A healthy society requires vibrant intermediate social organizations, like unions](#)

An important, fascinating story: [The future of mission: Become 'less and less Western'](#)

Let's conclude with Bishop Tom Gumbleton's homily: [Violence never overcomes violence, find a new way](#) "Jesus has shown us a different way. It's time that we began to follow him."