

Updated -- Webathon Day 5: the crucial day

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Updated 11:02 a.m. CST Thursday. Our first matching grant of the day honoring Rachel Lustig's brother's birthday has been met, but an anonymous donor has challenged us with another \$1,000 matching grant. [Please donate now](#) [1].

Good news this morning, day five of Webathon 2013: We crept over the \$60,000 mark last night. That puts us in sight of our \$100,000 goal for the week. But we are not there yet. Today is crucial. We need a good showing today to keep us on track. I do hope you can support *NCR* by [donating now](#) [1].

Rachel Lustig is supporting *NCR*. In honor of her brother's birthday, she is giving a \$1,000 challenge grant. She'll match the next \$1,000 that comes in. Let's help Rachel celebrate her brother by meeting this challenge fast.

I've heard *NCR* described in various ways over the years: a newspaper, a news source, a community, "my last hope," and even, "it keeps me sane." Whatever *NCR* means to you, please support it. No donation is too small. We appreciate donations of \$250 or \$500 but we also appreciate the \$10, \$20 and \$30 donations from readers. We are a frugal operation here at *NCR*, so you know each and every dollar will be put to good use. It will be used to meet the needs you have for solid reporting on the Catholic church.

Reporting is what distinguishes *NCR* from other Catholic websites and media outlets. Other sites have lots of opinion and commentary. Fewer of them have the kind of original reporting that we do at *NCR*. As I have mentioned already, that kind of reporting takes money, and that is why we need you to donate now.

To make our budget for this year, we need to raise \$100,000 this week. [Please help](#) [1].

Just in the last seven days, we've had reports from John Allen in Rome; from Brian Roewe in Reno, Nev., with the National Federation of Priests' Councils; and from Mary Jo McConahay, reporting from Guatemala City on the genocide trial of former strongman Gen. José Efraín Ríos Montt. This week, we learned that [the canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero](#) [2] is back on track after years of being blocked. If you didn't read these stories here, where would you read them? Could you find them somewhere else?

Help us keep those stories coming your way. [Please donate now](#) [1].

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