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Men carry the coffin of a victim July 24, a day after a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan. (CNS/Mohammad Ismail, Reuters)

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NCR intern Maria Benevento discusses her recent article on Catholic peacebuilders and their ideas to bring stability to Afghanistan in the wake of the Trump administration's announcement to drastically change U.S. strategy in the conflicted country. Later, Fr. Roy Donovan with the Association of Catholic Priests in Ireland talks about his statement asking the Irish bishops to put a hold on the permanent diaconate until Pope Francis makes a decision on allowing women deacons.

## Show Notes

- A new strategy for Afghanistan? [Robust peacemaking](#), say experts.
- The prospect of continued war in Afghanistan is grim indeed, [writes](#) Michael Sean Winters.
- Our [Making Peace series](#) examines global conflicts and potential solutions.
- Fr. Roy Donovan [believes it's time](#) for women to have a seat "at the top table."
- [We say](#): It's time to fling open the door for women who want to lead in the Catholic Church.

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