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[An assessment](#) of the Trump administration's nuclear weapons posture report and a breaking news story about a Catholic Worker inspired [Plowshares action](#) at a submarine base in Kings Bay, Maryland, to protest nuclear weapons.

Pope Francis issued the apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), on the call to holiness in today's world, on Monday. NCR had perhaps [the most comprehensive report](#) on that document available. We've also [carried analysis and reflections](#) on the document. Some have called it the most elegant and evangelizing document of Francis' pontificate. Others found some points in it lacking. You're going to read both viewpoints here.

One of our most read stories this week was [Tuesday's report](#) on recommendations by the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests for making significant changes to the priest formation process.

We've written about Syria, Venezuela and Brooklyn's "[Little Guatemala](#)."

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