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How do you spell quagmire? How do you spell squandered lives and resources? [The Afghan War Isn't Being Won, Says New Pentagon Audit](#) A new summary of the country's troubles by a special inspector general doesn't paint an optimistic picture.

The Catholic #MeToo moment: [Image religious culture journal fires founder Gregory Wolfe, cites accusations](#)

Our earlier stories: [Alumnae question Franciscan University of Steubenville's commitment to Title IX](#)

[Christendom College alumni call for Title IX response to sexual assaults](#)

Two groups of U.S. Catholics examine the life of the church. The National Federation of Priests' Councils discussions: [Fight racism, work more closely with laity and re-imagine priesthood altogether.](#)

Ahead of V Encuentro, [report gathers stats on Hispanic ministry in US](#) The V Encuentro will end with a national gathering Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas.

Paul Ryan's firing of Fr. Conroy, the congressional chaplain, [fits the Wisconsin House member's pattern when it comes to the poor](#), says Michael Sean Winters.

Here's a very interesting perspective: [An outsider studies the insider world of women religious](#)

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Can non-Catholic spouses of Catholics may receive communion? [German bishops bring communion dispute to Rome](#) A delegation of seven German bishops and cardinals are to meet at the Vatican tomorrow with four heads of dicasteries to attempt to iron out a problem that has divided a majority of the German bishops' conference from a minority.

Senior Australian Catholics have warned [that marriage equality should not be a matter of "winner takes all"](#) five months after unsuccessfully advocating a no vote in the postal survey which led to its legalisation.

Yesterday's news out of Melbourne, Australia, was [Cardinal Pell ordered to stand trial on abuse charges](#). Nothing if not always controversial, and some would say divisive, George Pell is now at a decisive fork in the road. One way could lead to gaol after being sent to trial on May 1 to face multiple charges of sexual abuse. In Pell, we see an ideologue in action. [How did he get to here?](#)

The bishop who is to pastor Catholics in Pyongyang, North Korea, has never been there. [Cardinal Andrew Yeom Soo-jung talks about dialogue and peace between North and South Korea.](#)

Have you been inspired by Pope Francis' exhortation [Gaudete et Exsultate \("Rejoice and Be Glad"\)](#) to join [the journey of 'small holiness'](#), NCR and Celebration have the resources to help:

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- Or reflect on [Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin](#). Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.