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NCR continues with Jason Berry's series on the history and implications of the Catholic clergy sex abuse crisis and cover-up.

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Franciscan Friar Daniel P. Horan critiques the bishops' pastoral on racism, pointing out that in it the word "sin" appears at least 14 times and "racism" more than 50 — but the terms "privilege" or "supremacy" are never mentioned.

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Ireland's Minister for Culture and Heritage Josepha Madigan gave a talk Feb. 11 in Dublin. Originally scheduled to take place at the Mercy Sisters' International Centre,

it had to be moved to a hotel after the sisters were warned that "busloads" of protestors would descend on the venue over the minister's support for abortion and campaign to liberalize divorce.

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Author and columnist Patrick T. Reardon notes that every interaction with another person represents another chance to be compassionate, an opportunity to listen and to share.

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U.S. Rep. Kevin McCarthy and Sen. Joseph McCarthy lend shadows to his surname, Colman McCarthy says, but there are other people who live up to the Gaelic lineage and meaning of the name, "son of the loving."

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