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NCR's series on U.S. seminaries continues. Dan Morris-Young checks out Mount Angel Seminary, situated on a semi-remote, 46-acre hilltop about an hour away from Portland. Secluded school stereotypes don't seem to apply. Interviewees instead talk about the school's diversity, an emphasis on Vatican II and a community that cultivates stability and prayer.

**Read:** [Diversity at Mount Angel enriches formation, say seminarians, faculty](#)

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A "Year of Awakening" for The Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, will culminate in the diocese's consecration to Jesus through Mary on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. "The term 'consecration' basically is a 'setting apart' of people or an object — in this case, our diocese — to make something sacred or holy, usually for a particular purpose, in order to deepen our relationship with God," Bishop James Checchio said.

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As Catholics, our call is "to live as a member of the body of Jesus. We carry out that life by being priest, prophet and leader." That's a tall order. Bishop Thomas Gumbleton explains how we can do it in his Feb. 9 homily.

**Read:** [God calls you to be priest, prophet and leader](#)

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At Global Sisters Report, sisters and other religious are bringing the issue of homelessness to the halls of the United Nations. They want the U.N. to fight homelessness head-on, and "formally take up the problem as an emerging issue of focus and concern."

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"Just as each of us is made for togetherness, we all are made for solitude. This is a sacred tension of religious vocation," Julia Walsh writes in this week's Young Voices column. "Let the silence teach you who are, and who you are meant to be."

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