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New Indonesian cardinal: Appointment recognizes country's Catholic minority: Francis' surprise announcement naming 13 new cardinals caught many off guard — including one of the cardinal-designates. "I was stunned," Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo told NCR. He sees his appointment as a recognition of Indonesia's "little flock;" Catholics make up some 3% of Indonesia's about 264 million population.

As climate effects hit coffee crops, Guatemalan farmers become migrants: Farmers from Guatemala are emigrating in record numbers. Experts say climate change has altered rain cycles and ultimately livelihoods. NCR Bertelsen intern Sarah Salvadore reports.

The case of an Indian bishop charged with repeatedly raping a nun has been transferred from a local court to a higher court for trial. This is a major step forward, and Global Sisters Report has a comprehensive piece on the facts so far: <u>Stage set</u> for trial of India bishop in nun's rape.

Valuing human dignity creates tension for Catholics: Young Voices columnist Jocelyn Sideco asks, "Wouldn't it be great if we in the pews would be trusted enough to be seen and heard within liturgy and therefore within our community?" She challenges herself — and invites us —to see others better.

Religious life in a post-human age: An intriguing title, and a fascinating piece by Ilia Delio that discusses institutional religious life, tribes, inclusion that excludes, the symphony of Earth and the life of Francis of Assisi.

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