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His dog's gaze and wagging tail illustrated for Brian Swimme a moment in the process of creation, back to the beginnings of life and into the future: "We live in a universe that is developing on every level." He was one of a group of scholars who gathered at Georgetown University to explore Passionist Fr. [Thomas Berry's 'New Story' with an eye on climate change](#). The work toward realizing the late eco-theologian's prophetic vision of an ecological awakening goes on, as people of faith raise their voices in the face of setbacks: [Catholics call Trump's move from Paris climate deal 'unconscionable.'](#)

GSR's Notes from the Field returns with new bloggers who are volunteering with sisters' ministries. In her first contribution, Honorine Uwimana, a St. Joseph Worker in Orange, California, asks herself: "What if [my five loaves and two fishes](#) can nourish society?"

At NCR, Michael Sean Winters asks [the question behind the synod: How can and should change happen in the church?](#) The naysayers of the left and right need to realize the answer is not simple, he says.

The ideas of development and change predominate the insights in a hefty new book by Australian theologian Ormond Rush. Paul Lakeland [reviews \*The Vision of Vatican II\*](#).

ICYMI: Repeated bad experiences have informed Zita Ballinger Fletcher's view that [the Latin Mass has become a cult of toxic tradition](#).

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