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**[Church's social justice teachings inspire young climate activist:](#)** "I think God wants us to be involved in this stuff," 17-year-old Isabella Johnson told NCR, adding that the enormity of the climate problem requires structural change "not just shorter showers and not using straws." Heidi Schlumpf reports for EarthBeat on the high school senior who also serves as the leader of the Illinois chapter of the Youth Climate Strike organization.

**[Christ-of-culture thinking presents a too-tidy view of Christianity:](#)** Michael Sean Winters continues his "retreat" for Distinctly Catholic readers, an examination of and dialogue with H. Richard Niebuhr's book *Christ and Culture*.

**[The church's treatment of LGBTQ people is killing its future:](#)** Grace on the Margins columnist Jamie Manson writes about how two recent stories on NCRonline "are emblematic of how much promise many young adults hold for the church and how senselessly the institution harms them and squanders their gifts in its entrenched need to protect homophobic doctrines that have little basis in lived reality."

The latest reports about the coronavirus:

**[Coronavirus cases from R.I. Catholic school trip closes building for week.](#)**

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