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The NCR editorial today looks at the failures of the administration in response to the coronavirus pandemic and what we are learning about human society during this time of trial: [**May the lesson be indelibly inscribed — we need one another.**](#)

Agriculture is often seen as a culprit in climate change, but it can play a big role in reversing the trend, says Matt Russell. "Farmers are the ones who are closest to the land, who can implement the changes that science is saying that we need." EarthBeat interviews Russell, a fifth-generation farmer and head of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, about [**why he sees faith, agriculture as climate solutions.**](#)

St. Joseph Sr. Christine Schenk has made the trip (and written about it) before, but this year involved a lot more hand sanitizer: [**Despite looming pandemic, intrepid pilgrims honor church foremothers.**](#) She served as educational guide through archeological sites in Greece, where the pilgrims learned about women in the first-century church.

Phyllis Zagano also takes us on a historical view of a different kind. We're living through a time of [**two popes and a plague, just like the 14th century,**](#) and new ways of being church may yet bring life to us all.

Jamie Manson has encountered too many Long Island bloviators in the rare times she ventures out of her apartment lately. It has her worried that [**the cult of Trump now threatens us all.**](#)

In January, Dan Stockman visited the Poor Clares at the Monastery of St. Clare in Spokane, Washington. His [**Q & A with Sr. Marcia Kay LaCour, sharing the Gospel in contemplative life,**](#) gives timely insight into a cloistered life of prayer that is both closed off to the world and deeply connected to it.

Prepare for tomorrow's feast of the Annunciation with Sr. Angela Burke's meditations on Mary, Bernadette and Thérèse through [**poems and pilgrimages: finding pieces of myself.**](#)

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