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**['Catholics for Trump' puts Fr. Frank Pavone back in the spotlight](#)**: Fr. Frank Pavone was a key presence at the April 2 online launch of the coalition Catholics for Trump. Pavone, the longtime pro-life activist and national director of Priests for Life, enthusiastically supports President Donald Trump's reelection. The Trump campaign called Pavone "one of President Trump's most meaningful allies." But as Don Clemmer reports, some Catholics and pro-lifers "cite major disconnects between the church's witness in the public square and Pavone's embrace of Trump."

The Vatican-sponsored Laudato Si' Week, commemorating the fifth anniversary of the pope's ecology encyclical, is underway. EarthBeat is marking the anniversary with special news coverage and commentary on the climate crisis, via feature series **[Laudato Si' at Five](#)**. Check the feature series page throughout this week for the latest stories.

Brian Roewe reports on what is being called the largest joint divestment announcement by faith communities to date: **[42 faith groups in 14 countries announce divestment from fossil fuels](#)**.

In "**[Why this year's presidential campaign may already be over](#)**," Michael Sean Winters writes: "The Republican Party, loyal to the president at all costs, has decided to place the largest bet in American history. They are the party that is all-in for reopening the economy now. ... Among their chips is one marked 'election

results' and another is labeled 'control of the Senate.' But the chips that count the most are those labeled 'thousands of American lives.' "

The College Theology Society is moving its May 28-30 convention to an entirely digital platform: [\*\*Theologians take convention online.\*\*](#)

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