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Does canon law oppress women religious or protect them? Such legal questions are the subject of this month's installment of GSR's The Life, in which the panelists also discuss how [\*\*legal structures like civil law can strengthen sisters' ministry\*\*](#).

A [\*\*'slow awakening' led Kevin O'Brien, new Santa Clara president, to Jesuits\*\*](#) — leaving behind legal matters. Once a corporate lawyer, the priest is now set to head Santa Clara University in California. NCR's got a profile of the journey that took him there.

Michael Sean Winters has been taking looks at the various Democratic presidential hopefuls, and this time he's writing about Pete Buttigieg. [\*\*Mayor Pete's rise is confounding, but also reflects cultural zeitgeist\*\*](#), MSW says, for starters — he promises more tomorrow.

[\*\*Thank you, Jean Vanier, for teaching me to see\*\*](#), writes Dani Clark. A year at a L'Arche community changed her life, and she pays tribute to the international movement's founder, who died earlier this month.

The Little Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus are [dedicated to improving Haiti](#). Loretto Sr. Barbara Wander has been visiting the country for 19 years, and she tells us about the hard work and persistence of these "Loaves and Fishes Sisters."

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