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The nonprofit Student Sponsor Partners [opens the door to Catholic schools for NYC's low-income students](#), providing a combination of mentorship and full tuition to private high schools. Its focus is on kids in the middle, the "average" student who might not have the test scores to qualify for traditional academic scholarships.

In India, Bishop Franco [Mulakkal appears for trial in nun's rape, next hearing set for Jan. 6](#). Correspondent Saji Thomas reports on the latest legal developments for GSR, which has been closely following the case.

Mercy Sr. Jean Evans recalls the newness and familiarity that greeted her when she arrived in a new country and a new ministry in 1984, when she encountered [the known unknown explained in South Africa](#).

GSR also has a [Q & A with Sr. Rosita Gomes, 88, working with those on India's periphery](#). Over the decades, her work has included service to leprosy patients, drug addicts and prisoners.

ICYMI: EarthBeat has begun an [Advent journey](#) with Pope Francis' environmental encyclical. Start with the introduction, [Spend Advent with Laudato Si' and a question: What is God asking of me?](#), then enter into [the first week of Advent: Daily meditations with Laudato Si'](#).

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