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On Friday, students are planning a global day of action calling on governments to address the threat of climate change. Sarah Mac Donald takes a look at the movement in Ireland, where weekly protests have been held outside the parliament in Dublin and have popped up in other cities, too: **[Serious climate message underlies exuberant student strikes in Ireland](#)**.

Alex Mikulich joined the Democratic Socialists of America in 1988, inspired by a Catholic who was one of its founding members. Today, he sees that vision represented by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, as he explains in **[From Laborem Exercens to AOC: why I'm a Catholic Democratic Socialist](#)**.

GSR has a **[Q&A with Sr. Mary Montgomery, leading retreats for busy Catholic moms](#)** — and following the contemplative example of the alpacas at the White Violet Center for Eco Justice.

Sr. Karan Varker's **[I am Rachel: a midwife meditation](#)** reflects on the journey from the manger to the cross.

ICYMI: Across the state line from NCR's headquarters, a conflict in the Diocese of Kansas City, Kansas, has made national news as **[Kansas parishioners fight enrollment denial of student with same-sex parents](#)**.

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