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**[Thomas Doyle traces the disintegration of clerical/hierarchical culture](#)** in a talk at Gonzaga University. In his NCR Connections column, Tom Roberts finds a wealth of insights from the canon lawyer and former Dominican whose advocacy for sexual abuse victims goes back to the 1980s.

Notes from the Field blogger Samantha Kominiarek, an Assumption Mission Associate, has found hope and motivation — **[invitations to believe in better things](#)** — from the people she's met in the communities of Chaparral, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.

Attention dog lovers: Sr. Jane Marie Bradish shares the freely given **[lessons from Heidi and Oreo Cookie Monster](#)**, two very good doggos. 14/10 would bless and pet both

It may be a historically dubious holiday and threatened by Black Friday commercialism, but Fr. Dan Horan makes the case that Thursday should be an occasion to **[rehabilitate Thanksgiving and renew the practice of gratitude](#)**.

A priest from Sri Lanka and a priest from the Philippines were at the United Nations to talk about their communities' experiences of religious persecution. Bertelsen intern Sarah Salvadore has a report: **[Despite violence, Asian Catholic leaders](#)**

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