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Twenty-something Catholics shared their perspectives on abortion with NCR. For many of them, the ongoing national debate and its binary sides fall short of the issue's complexities.

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At EarthBeat, NCR staff writer Jesse Remedios reports on the devastation of Australian fires, with consequences that are both natural and spiritual. Some species have lost key habitats, and it's probable that the fires have rendered other species extinct. Pope Francis called the loss of biodiversity (the variety of life on Earth) one of his greatest fears: **[Australian fires underline pope's focus on biodiversity in Laudato Si'](#)**.

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