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"Where have we come in the last five years? Where is our faith calling us now?" Tomás Insua of the Global Catholic Climate Movement writes about [Laudato Si' five years on](#). He finds a continued call for courage in Pope Francis' 2015 environmental encyclical.

The suffering of animals in Australia brought Jamie Manson to tears. [As climate change worsens, so does our grief and distress](#) — in what some call pre-traumatic stress disorder. One place Jamie turns to for hope is the profoundly Catholic ideas of St. Joseph Sr. Elizabeth Johnson.

GSR columnist Sr. Nancy Sylvester continues the theme of looking for hope in troubling times. Her inspiration is the writings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who explored the deep connections between spirituality and evolution. The process may be slow, but there is [hope in evolutionary time](#).

GSR also has a [Q & A with Sr. Joan Mumaw, providing an update on South Sudan](#). Mumaw, who is president of Friends in Solidarity, the U.S. partner to Solidarity with South Sudan, recently visited the organization's ministries in South Sudan, which is holding onto a tenuous ceasefire in its civil war.

ICYMI: The [**loss of Catholic star Kobe Bryant reminds us that life is fragile**](#), Sr. Rose Pacatte writes as she offers her prayers for the repose of the souls of Bryant, his daughter Gianna and the seven others who died in a helicopter crash on Sunday.

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