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News of Jean Vanier's sexual abuse of women rang around the internet this weekend after the L'Arche community's report became public. Columnist Jamie Manson says that as she watched social media grapple with the news, more than one person online suggested that he was "like all of us," a mix of good and evil. [She firmly states that, no, he most certainly is not.](#)

More on the topic of abuse:

- [Australian High Court releases submissions for Cardinal Pell's appeal](#)
- [After abuse scandals, seminarians pledge to 'get it right'](#)
- [Bishop shakeup: West Virginia Catholic diocese issues audit](#)

Moving on:

One of the six members of Pope Francis' advisory Council of Cardinals (Indian Cardinal Oswald Gracias) has acknowledged a bias among the members of the Catholic Church's all-male hierarchy against giving women more leadership roles,

saying he and his peers must "shed this prejudice." [Read more from the NCR interview.](#)

A very good reminder as Lent begins Wednesday:

"One does not need a theology degree to understand real *kenosis*, the self-emptying of holy ones who cling to nothing but God." Read Mercy Beyond Borders founder Sr. Marilyn Lacey's uplifting column on Global Sisters Report: [Even if you've not been fed, be bread.](#)

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