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Recommended for you today, from the NCR/GSR/EarthBeat copy desk:

An article alleging that the Catholic Church has a white power faction was unpublished by Sojourners magazine. This prompted backlash from other Catholics over the decision, the public resignation of two of the magazine's editors, four public statements from Jim Wallis, editor-in-chief, attempting to provide clarification, and ultimately an apology, for the magazine's decision.

NCR national correspondent Christopher White talks to Wallis and outlines the arguments of writers and others who support and decry his decision to take the article down. Get the story here.

Powerful: The destinations that beckon each sister or community will determine the vessel they choose, said Sr. Jayne Helmlinger in her presidential address before a virtual audience of 1,000 sisters and guests. Here is GSR's report on her talk.

The latest editorial from NCR says Catholic social teaching recognizes that just societies must be measured by the degree to which they ameliorate the conditions faced by the poor. Our nation is failing these basic standards of justice. Read: Don't

play politics with people's lives during a pandemic

More pandemic: EarthBeat shares a story from Religion News Service about how missionaries have gained access to Amazon's Indigenous peoples. When the first COVID-19 cases hit Brazil in March, the government agency in charge of protecting the country's Indigenous peoples ordered all civilians to leave their reservations. Only essential workers, such as health care personnel and those involved in food distribution, could remain. Find out what happened.

Every Friday, Global Sisters Report wraps up a week of columns by sisters with Horizons, columns by younger sisters. This week we have Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration Sr. Julia Walsh, who is reflecting on "Sister Act," that 1992 movie with Whoopi Goldberg. She watched it again after many years and was reminded how the deep relationships the nuns in the movie had changed her life: 'Sister Act' put me on a path to finding my own voice.

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