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LGBTQ activists and supporters block the street outside the U.S. Supreme Court Oct. 8, 2019, as it hears arguments in a case on workplace discrimination and gay and transgender employees. A new Vatican document, "Dignitas Infinita," deplores violence and discrimination against the LGBTQ community but also reaffirms church teaching on gender, (OSV News/Reuters/Jonathan Ernst)

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NCR senior correspondent Heidi Schlumpf joins "The Francis Effect" podcast co-hosts Franciscan Fr. Daniel Horan (columnist for NCR) and David Dault, executive producer and host of "Things Not Seen: Conversations About Culture and Faith." The panel discusses *Dignitas Infinita* ("Infinite Dignity"), the [new instruction on human dignity](#),

with an eye to its implications for LGBTQIA+ communities. Next they look at the life and legacy of [Bishop Thomas Gumbleton](#), who died April 4 at age 94. Plus, Heidi interviews professor Natalia Impertatori-Lee.

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