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Joshua J. McElwee reported on Vatican prosecutors' requested indictments that appear to be the first of their kind for sexual abuse committed on Vatican territory:

[Vatican prosecutors request indictment of Italian priest on charges of sexual abuse.](#)

[Why next Monday's UN Climate Action Summit Matters:](#) Through its partnership with Covering Climate Now, NCR republishes a piece from The Nation. Mark Hertsgaard writes about "what may be the most consequential week in climate politics since Donald Trump's surprise election as president of the United States in 2016."

Another Covering Climate Now entry: **[Naomi Klein speaks with The Guardian about her new book](#)**, *On Fire: The Burning Case for a Green New Deal*.

[Beyond the 'birdbath industrial complex' is the radical St. Francis of Assisi](#)

: A minor exchange on social media, arising from an ignorant remark about the language "Sister Mother Earth," reminds Daniel P. Horan of a deeper issue in popular Catholicism.

"In my later life I have become passionate about celebrating the hidden stories of women leaders in Christianity. Today I want to tell of one such hidden woman, Sr. Francis Therese Woznicki, a Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis."

From Christine Schenk: [**When Fran saw us, she saw only God.**](#)

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