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It's a big day.

[Do you remember this?](#) On an October day four decades ago, Sr. Theresa Kane, president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and head of the Sisters of Mercy in the U.S., stood before 5,000 other sisters gathered to greet Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. She spoke of the sisters' "profound respect, esteem and affection" for the pontiff. And then she asked him to consider including women in all church ministries.

NCR national correspondent Heidi Schlumpf brings you this [interview with Catholic author and editor Robert Ellsberg](#), who helped his father copy the Pentagon Papers and praises whistleblowers for their "higher loyalty."

[Book review:](#) If there is one sentence that summarizes what historian Jesuit Fr. John O'Malley sees in the radical shift from Trent and Vatican I to Vatican II, it is: "Tradition is not inert but dynamic."

Young Voices columnist Mark Piper talks about his involvement in a canonization cause. ["Transcribing Dorothy Day: Who wouldn't want to help make a saint?"](#)

We have the second part of Franciscan Sr. Ilia Delio's discussion about religious life today: ["Way of posthuman life could revitalize religious communities"](#)

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