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With 2020 around the corner, the German bishops are heading down the "synodal path" — a not-quite-a-synod aimed at renewal of the church in Germany, a country that has seen a drastic drop in the number of Catholics. Among the faithful who remain are those in the Maria 2.0 movement, and other [German Catholic women who call for change as 'synodal path' gets underway](#).

[It's time for our biases to grow](#), says Sr. Joan Chittister. Find out the four biases she suggests to counter the toxic kinds that are plaguing U.S. society today.

[Oil rule America: New book details competing theological visions of US energy capitalists](#). You'll be astounded at all you learn in Darren Dochuk's *Anointed with Oil*, says reviewer Marian Ronan.

Michael Sean Winters concludes his two-part review of Steven Waldman's *Sacred Liberty* and says this [new book on US religious liberty fails to make a crucial distinction](#).

A poem by Edwina Gately set Sr. Margaret Gonsalves to wondering why [God ran away](#).

Yesterday, we learned of the death of Mercy [Sr. Carmel McEnroy, author who captured women's role in Vatican II](#). Known for her scholarly contributions to 20th-century church history, McEnroy made the news in 1995 when St. Meinrad

Seminary fired her from its faculty after she, along with about 2,000 others, signed an open letter to Pope John Paul II and the bishops, asking that the conversation about women's ordination remain open.

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