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The organized opposition to Pope Francis and his more pastoral approach grows more vociferous, with the word "confusion" often applied (when criticism isn't straying into ad hominem attacks). NCR's editorial today points out: [**If a little Catholic confusion exists, maybe it is a blessing.**](#)

GSR has its second excerpt from Sr. Christine Schenk's new book about Sr. Theresa Kane, [**To Speak the Truth in Love: 'I included the ordination of women in my greeting. And I want it included.'**](#)

The news broke this week that the [**beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen has been postponed**](#), at the request of some members of the U.S. bishops' conference. What specifically prompted this was not announced, but Michael Sean Winters says [**it's too soon to beatify Archbishop Sheen anyway.**](#)

In [**the everyday miracle of calmness**](#) and the encompassing presence of God, Amy Morris-Young felt and heard the words: "Just relax and let me love you."

Columnists are turning their thoughts and hearts to Advent and sharing their reflections:

- From Sr. Susan Rose Francois: [**This Advent, let's incarnate peace**](#)
- From Young Voices writer Christian Mocek: [**Let Advent be a time to listen and wonder**](#)

- From Fr. Tom Reese: [**Will the world end with a bang, a whimper — or Christ?**](#)

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