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[In Costa Rica, university president sees *Laudato Si'* reenergizing Catholics.](#)

EarthBeat interviews Fernando Sánchez Campos about his vision of "*Laudato Si'* campuses," and how Catholic University of Costa Rica is putting that into practice.

Meanwhile, parishes that want to take environmental action can find practical tips and resources in EarthBeat's latest "Burning Questions" entry: [What are some ways parishes can acquire solar panels?](#)

The three-part series on Matthew Kelly and his enterprises concludes with a look at a new initiative, Dynamic Parish, which was launched last year in 21 pilot parishes and is looking to triple that reach in 2020: [New Matthew Kelly program sees parishes as fertile market for consulting](#). (Here are [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#), if you haven't had a chance to read those yet.)

Two columnists — both women religious, one a longtime contributor to NCR and one brand new with GSR — wrote about the new movie adaptation of a beloved book from so many girlhoods: "Little Women." With [Sisterhood on screen: What 'Little Women' revealed to me about my religious life](#), Marianist Sr. Gabrielle Bibeau makes her debut in GSR's [Horizons](#) column featuring the voices of younger sisters. And for St. Joseph Sr. Christine Schenk, who is retired from FutureChurch, the organization she founded, ['Little Women' unwraps foibles of the human heart](#),

even as it makes a passionate case for the gifts of women.

Can Catholics and evangelicals sway politics as the 'religious left'? The organization Vote Common Good hopes so. Its recent summit in Iowa focused on creating solidarity among religious progressives, with the aim of building a coalition to prevent President Donald Trump's reelection.

Readers still have things to say about our choice of Nancy Pelosi as the [2019 Catholic newsmaker](#), and so we've got a second installment of letters to the editor: **Your thoughts on NCR's 2019 Newsmaker of the Year.**

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