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**[Cardinal Cupich: Promoting human dignity is our baptismal call:](#)** "When we fail to make what Christ is doing the starting point as we take up the social ministry of the Church, we end up with a distorted view of the Church and our very call to holiness." Read the text of the speech that Cupich gave Jan. 25 at the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington. The event was timed to coincide with this year's March for Life.

**[At EarthBeat,](#)** Bill Mitchell writes about a image that stuck with him from last week: a 17-year-old young woman in a pink hoodie taking the stage at Davos, the annual gathering of billionaires, business leaders and, this year, 53 heads of state from around the world. Plus Greta Thunberg.

**[As new Philadelphia archbishop, Perez could be a strong legacy for Pope Francis:](#)** Those who know Archbishop-elect Nelson Perez told Michael Sean Winters that Perez "is very much in the style of Jorge Bergoglio, very much a pastor and not at all a culture warrior."

**[Catholicism offers path to dispel apocalyptic fear:](#)** Zita Ballinger Fletcher observed a mildly religious relative gradually transform "into someone obsessed with the Apocalypse while absorbing the influence of traditional Catholic media." The solution to a culture of fear may be Catholicism itself, "a faith of hope, promise and

mercy."

In case you missed it: [\*\*Survey finds tension between professional and 'missionary' campus ministers\*\*](#). National correspondent Heidi Schlumpf reports about a national survey that has identified two major challenges facing campus ministers: a desire to help young Catholics transition from college to parish life, and the need for better collaboration between different types of ministers on campus.

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