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Here's the [link to yesterday's Coronavirus Tracker](#); a new one is posted every day, with updates wrapping up every late afternoon. You can have that email sent to you, too, if you wish. [Sign up here.](#)

Among the stories we posted today, I found it soothing to retreat to a bit of theological distance. Franciscan Friar Dan Horan offers a straightforward explanation about the communion of saints, an important tenet of the Catholic faith, and how it can help us make sense of life during coronavirus times. [Read more.](#)

Jason Berry has a long history reporting on one of the U.S.'s oldest cities; his dispatch about the coronavirus situation in New Orleans is particularly well detailed about how a place that made it through Hurricane Katrina and is supported by such a lot of tourist-based income, is coping with the mandates of social isolation. [Read more.](#)

What's an official religious institute? How is it different from the standard community of women religious? Dan Stockman's four-part series on emerging religious communities wraps up today. Here's a start for you:

Inside, a little wood stove blazes as Sr. Leslie Lund talks about how she loved her life with the Carmelite Sisters of Indianapolis. But the busy convent life seemed anathema to the life she knew Carmelite sisters were also called to — that of a hermit.

[Read more.](#) And share the link to the [whole series](#) with your friends.

Benedictine Sr. Linda Romey's column today is also worth discussing. Find out what she means by [Sharing sandboxes for heart-training](#).

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