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It's been 40 years since the martyrdom of Archbishop Óscar Romero. NCR's editorial today looks at the ordinary, flesh-and-blood reality of his life that canonization can obscure, and says in his human 'evolution,' Romero is a saint for our time.

GSR's Dan Stockman reports on how religious <u>sisters in health care, advocacy</u> and immigration respond to expanding needs of coronavirus situation in the United States. "They don't panic. They think communally first. It's: 'How can we do this?' They need each other, and they know that."

Confined French sisters seek ways to remain close to the vulnerable, particularly the elderly. "What support the church provides in normal times no longer exists, is no longer directly accessible," explains Sr. Véronique Margron, as France lives under government restrictions to stem the spread of COVID-19.

'Give me liberty, or give me (grandma's) death!' We've been hearing from a spate of promoters of pandemic social Darwinism, and Michael Sean Winters takes them to task.

Amid the uncertainty and fear of the coronavirus pandemic, some are finding opportunities to deepen their faith life. NCR would love to hear about your experience. <u>Tell us: What spiritual resources or prayers are you finding helpful?</u>

Priest's public letter supports Dignity Detroit in wake of bishop's ban. Once public Masses are again allowed, the Detroit chapter of the support group for LGBT Catholics intends to keep on gathering, and at least one parish priest, Fr. Victor Clore, says he'll be available to preside.

ICYMI: Yesterday marked the 95th annniversary of the birth of a renowned American Catholic writer, and Dana Greene reviews two very different books that may offer some insight: On Flannery O'Connor's birthday, two books to celebrate her life, work.

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