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Recommended for you today, from the NCR/GSR/EarthBeat copy desk:

National Catholic Reporter has two more takes on the whole Cardinal Timothy Dolan / Republican Party / re-election of President Donald Trump supposition. The first is by Grace in the Margins columnist Jamie Manson, who calls out Dolan on his "true colors." Seems a lot of it has to do with one issue. [Can you guess?](#)

The second piece is an editorial written under the leadership of [Tom Roberts](#), who is [retiring](#) as NCR's executive editor in just a couple days. Please see: [Dolan delivers the church to Trump and the GOP](#).

If you have read Tom's latest NCR Connections piece online (linked above as "retiring") or on Page 2 of the latest print issue of NCR, you know that Heidi Schlumpf, who has been our national correspondent for the past two years, is completing her transition to be the new executive editor. Here is [today's main story online](#) from her reporting about how parishes in cities with large African American communities are handling the fact that because of systemic conditions, African American people are [disproportionally affected by the worst of COVID-19](#).

Other, less newsy things (from our opinion sections) to help keep your spirit and faith alive:

[Robert Ellsberg in Soul Seeing](#): "So many saints and spiritual mentors elected solitude, or had it imposed by circumstances. What kind of wisdom, I wondered, might they impart to 'ordinary' people entering into this unfamiliar world?"

[We are suffering a crisis of imagination in the church and world](#) by Franciscan Friar Daniel P. Horan, a regular contributor.

Judith Best is a School Sister of Notre Dame and coordinator of [SturdyRoots.org](#). She gives presentations on the heritage of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and is also exploring evolution as the bridge between science and religion. Here is her latest column on GSR: ['People's Companion to the Breviary' reminds me of who I am](#)

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