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"Some voters are culture warriors who believe that diversity, racial equality, political correctness, gay marriage, abortion, gender equality and other issues identified with liberal politics necessarily mean a slide into secularism that is at odds with their faith," writes Dominican Fr. Charles Bouchard, senior director of theology and ethics at the Catholic Health Association. In this commentary, he asks: [Do the Trump tradeoffs jeopardize fundamental aspects of our faith?](#)

"A few months into my stint as a middle school youth minister, I was used to fielding tough questions from the pre-teen crowd. Then Tess asked why only men can be real priests." Jessie Bazan is the editor and co-author of *Dear Joan Chittister: Conversations with Women in the Church*. Read: [Talking with Catholic girls about priesthood](#)

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