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### [Decrying Trump shrine visit, petition calls on Knights to address racist past](#)

. Signed by hundreds of Knights of Columbus and other Catholics, the petition urges supreme chaplain Archbishop William Lori to apologize for the "hurtful violation" of hosting President Donald Trump at the Knights-owned St. John Paul II Shrine. The signers also ask the fraternal organization to face its own "long history of complicity with prejudice and institutional racism."

NCR columnist Fr. Peter Daly has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 33 years. But after the leadership "injected the Knights into a partisan campaign at a moment of crisis in our national life," he says, "[I'm done with the Knights of Columbus.](#)"

Pope Francis offers a lot of straightforward — if challenging to heed — advice on caring for our common home in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. But there are still open questions to ponder as well, which is what EarthBeat guest commentator Robert McKim looks into [five years on: Exploring four puzzles in Laudato Si'](#).

Global Sisters Report has a [Q&A with Sr. Judy Zielinski, producer of new documentary on Nicholas Black Elk](#). The [sainthood cause](#) of Lakota Sioux medicine man Black Elk inspired this Sister of St. Francis to delve into his story.

**Dear Archbishop Viganò: You're right, a cosmic battle is upon us.** In her open letter to the former nuncio to the U.S., Jamie Manson says what is at stake is "the end of the supremacy of whiteness, maleness and heterosexuality ... the end of the fabricated moral supremacy of Christian extremism that has fostered so much of this bigotry."

From Dublin: **Irish sisters get Vatican approval to relinquish health care holdings.** The Religious Sisters of Charity say they will transfer their 100% shareholding in St. Vincent's Healthcare Group to an independent, charitable body. It's the latest step in an ongoing dispute about moving Ireland's National Maternity Hospital to St. Vincent's campus.

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