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

EarthBeat continues its interview series today with a conversation with Dr. Sylvia Hood Washington. She's an environmental health scientist and engineer, environmental historian and author of *Packing Them In: An Archeology of Environmental Racism in Chicago, 1865-1954.* She's also a fierce advocate for environmental justice who sees climate change as inextricably linked to the sanctity of life, a view motivated both by her Catholic faith and her own life experiences. [Watch and read here.](#)

Did you know that the Little Sisters of the Poor were not even an original party in the lawsuit about religious liberty and providing contraceptive coverage in employer-sponsored health care insurance plans? Columnist Jamie Manson says they are an avatar for the wealthy and powerful Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a well-oiled legal organization. [Read more.](#)

Oh, doesn't Kylemore Abbey look like a lovely place to visit? The Benedictine sisters' monastery is just starting to open up again as the coronavirus is on the wane — in Europe. [Read GSR's Q & A with Abbess Máire Hickey](#), talking the impact of COVID-19 on the Benedictines' centennial coming this December.

Middle Tennessee's immigrant and refugee communities have been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 virus. In response, parishes and Catholic Charities of Tennessee have been trying to provide the spiritual and material support they need to persevere through the pandemic. [Read more.](#)

Lalita Roshni Lakra is a Daughter of St. Anne from the Simdega district of Jharkhand, North India. [Read what she has to share](#) about lockdown in that country during the pandemic.

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