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The Life is Global Sisters Report's monthly feature about the unique, challenging and very specific lives of women religious around the world. For April, the panelists [shared a variety of approaches that help bring them into union with God](#): eucharistic adoration, poetry, Scripture, yoga, dancing, drawing, and centering prayer. But all approaches ultimately involve a personal encounter of love, a contemplative experience with the Divine. They described unique individual encounters with God as they responded to this question: "What is your favorite type of prayer? Why?"

Nancy Sylvester is founder and director of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue. She served in leadership of her own religious community, the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan, as well as in the presidency of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Prior to that, she was national coordinator of Network, the national Catholic social justice lobby. She writes about Notre Dame Cathedral in her [latest Contemplate This column](#) on GSR.

The poorest of Jordan's 10 camps for Palestinian refugees would seem to be the unlikeliest place from which to launch an international business, but [SEP Jordan is no usual enterprise](#).

Michael Sean Winters [reviews Gerard O'Connell's \*The Election of Pope Francis\*](#), calling it an "unprecedented, if unverifiable, inside look at the 2013 conclave that made Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio pope."

Sr. Rose Pacatte [reviews the "Hesburg" documentary](#), "named for its compelling subject, the cigar-smoking Holy Cross Fr. Theodore Martin Hesburgh, the film is a sweeping biography of a man whose towering influence in American life continues to be felt today."

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