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Cathleen Falsani says that even though she was not one of Rachel Held Evans' intimates, she admired her as a human and was [immensely grateful for her work](#):

For many of us who struggle with our past, present and future identity as "evangelicals," over the last decade or so, with her clear-eyed, unapologetic vision of what it means to be a follower of Christ, Evans became a champion and ad hoc pastor — the unofficial chaplain to the Island of Misfit Toys — for millennial "ex-vangelicals," seekers and "nones" alike.

The guys are on their way to serve a meal to homeless people in downtown D.C. Jack says he doesn't like calling the people they serve "homeless" though. "I call them my brothers and sisters." Read: [Chili and hospitality, rain or shine: 'We're just doing what we can do'](#)

Go behind the scenes: An initially scheduled audience with Pope Francis turned into a dialogue between him and congregational leaders at the closing session of the International Union of Superiors General triennial assembly May 10 — and the hundreds attending [couldn't have been more delighted](#).

(Even if the results of the conversation were not 100% what some people, including St. Joseph Sr. Christine Schenk, wanted: [Theology rooted in patriarchy delays restoration of female diaconate](#))

The [latest Theology en la Plaza column](#): When the Boston Red Sox visited the White House last week, a majority of black and Latino players refused to attend as an act of resistance. The resulting optics of an overwhelmingly white team only amplified baseball's history of racism and exploitation of migrant labor.

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