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Part 2 of NCR's three-part series, [Enemy Within](#), on the toxic legacy of a nuclear bomb components plant in Kansas City tells about how [federal workers struggle for years to prove they got sick on the job](#).

As the noise of people haranguing each other on a news program drifted through her door, Sr. Joan Chittister sat down to write her column about the Rule of Benedict's ninth step of humility, in which [St. Benedict counsels a little less talk, a little more thought](#).

The lives of women, [growing old, growing up, growing whole](#), are the territory of Diane Scharper's latest look at recent books. She reviews Mary Pipher's *Women Rowing North*, Sophia Shalmyev's *Mother Winter*, and Stephanie Land's *Maid*.

An essay about Catholicism in the June issue of *The Atlantic* caused a splash, but Michael Sean Winters wasn't impressed. [James Carroll's call to 'Abolish the Priesthood' is misguided and tiresome](#), he writes.

ICYMI: A survey by the St. Leo University Polling Institute reports that **89.3% of US Catholics say the church was slow to take action on abuse**. Almost 85% of them agree that the cause was the church's desire to "preserve and protect the Church's influence and reputation at all cost." And both of those percentages are higher than those of Americans overall.

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