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Getting it wrong: While media focus on married priests and women deacons, "for us, that is a distraction, because the bottom line is life," says a Curripaco leader from Venezuela. "This synod for us is about the planet." [Read more.](#)

Getting it wrong in a good way: GSR's liaison to U.S. sisters is Sr. Michele Morek. At the "Women of the Church" conference last week, she was expecting chants, picket signs and women with attitude. "I couldn't have been more wrong," she said. [Read more.](#)

NCR's national correspondent is Heidi Schlumpf. She was there, too. **Read:** [Women of the Church takes stock of Catholic chaos, urges women's leadership](#)

Heard of METAdrasi? Carl Axel Prince Soami Mbadinga, 19, came to Greece from Gabon in 2017 as a refugee, without family, and became the first unaccompanied minor in Greece placed in a METAdrasi independent living program. After completing his baccalaureate with honors in Athens in June of this year, he moved to France where he is studying transport logistics at the Institute of Technology. [Read more.](#)

NCR's Bertelsen intern Sarah Salvadore [covered this panel](#): Scholars Phyllis Zagano, Meghan Clark and George Demacopoulos spoke on in New York on a topic also raised at the ongoing synod for the Amazon: **the female diaconate**.

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