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The Synod of Bishops for the Amazon is finished. Next up is the U.S. bishops' fall meeting in Baltimore. Fr. Tom Reese says they would do well to look back at that meeting at the Vatican in October: [What the US bishops can learn from the Amazon synod](#).

At the [Baltimore meeting](#) next week, the bishops will be electing a new president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and that's likely going to be the current vice president, Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles. A native of Mexico and immigrant advocate who's connected to Opus Dei, [Gomez could be a 'bridge' if elected bishops' conference president](#), some observers say.

From GSR's Africa correspondent, Doreen Ajiambo, a [Q & A with Sr. Mary Rashmi, who's empowering Masai women and girls in Tanzania](#). "I wanted them to realize that discovering resources within is better than what they can receive from outside," says the Notre Dame Sister from India.

In a barrage of goofy jokes from her toddler granddaughter, NCR columnist Amy Morris-Young experiences how [\*\*random joy is miraculous\*\*](#).

Duquesne University researcher Sr. Clara Kreis reports that a global [\*\*life satisfaction survey is producing welcome results for sisters\*\*](#). The assessment tool explores such areas as congregational character, individual well-being, membership viability, holistic growth and commitment, and interrelationships.

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