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[At St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Portland, unity is elusive](#). Once named one of the best parishes in the U.S., today St. Francis fractured by liturgical changes introduced by a new pastor and by the prospect of losing its longtime ministry to the homeless.

In the month of saints and souls, GSR's The Life feature series asks the sister panelists how they say goodbye to one of their own. Throughout **[preparation, details and prayer, sisters are never alone at death](#)**.

In her signature quirky style, Sr. Nancy Linenkugel also has some thoughts on death — by way of reminiscences about typing classes of yore and a recent **[seedy typo](#)**.

Since her teenage years, Deirdre Cornell has befriended a simple creed that has brought her through dark times: **[I believe in love even when I do not feel it](#)**.

Global Sisters Report has a **[Q & A with Sr. Lucianne Siers, training religious in formation and interculturality](#)**. She notes that the idea of interculturality for the Institute of Religious Formation, which she directs, "is different than the 'melting pot' concept. It's more like images of a salad or a burst of fireworks that have just many, many different colors."

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