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Jesse Remedios' [podcast series](#) on the Kings Bay Plowshares concludes with [Trials of Nonviolence Episode 3: Community](#), as the activists talk about their experiences with the U.S. justice system.

['Genuine encounters' key in recruiting young women to religious life, say sisters](#). GSR's lead story explores how vocation teams approach efforts to bring in a younger generation.

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Romania lived their calling in the communist "catacombs" and sought out a new sense of purpose in the disorienting years following the fall of the communist regime. Over the years, they have seen that [the power of love is the beauty of the call to religious life](#), writes Basilian Sr. Valentina Hadarau.

Surrounded by the pressure to be consumers in an ever-expanding Christmas season, it takes discipline to preserve Advent's sense of expectation, Michael Sean Winters writes in his column today, [Away in a manger, no room at the shopping mall](#). But there's help and inspiration to be found, he says: in Pope Francis' new apostolic letter, *Admirabile Signum*.

More seasonal inspiration from the pope's words as Arthur Jones continues his [reflections](#) for EarthBeat in [Week 3 of Advent meditations with Laudato Si': Putting ourselves out there.](#)

The Cistercian Nuns of the Valley of Our Lady Monastery in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, may finally be moving out of the "temporary" buildings they moved into in 1957. [As they build a new monastery, Cistercian sisters find grace in the challenges of fundraising while cloistered.](#)

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