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It's that time again! Who's the Catholic who had the headline-grabbing impact to be named [NCR's 2019 newsmaker of the year](#)? And once you've read that, check out news editor Peter Feuerherd's [inside scoop on NCR's choice](#), including some runners-up.

In the Newark Archdiocese, Cardinal Joseph [Tobin appoints pastor to NJ parish that's been without one since August 2018](#), when the priest formerly there took a leave after an allegation of sexual assault on another priest.

Last week, Don Clemmer [wrote about](#) the Chicago Archdiocese's revised funeral guidelines, and readers have responded with their own [thoughts on eulogies at funerals](#).

It's not always easy, Sr. Julia Walsh acknowledges, but she prays: [This Advent, may we make room](#).

Have you been following EarthBeat's [Advent Meditation with Laudato Si'](#)? Under that link now are three weeks of insights so far. Then on Sunday, Dec. 22, look for the conclusion of this journey with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, as writer Arthur Jones takes us through the end of Advent and into Christmas.

Finally, a note: Staffing gets a little thin over the holidays at NCR as we go off to celebrate with family and friends. You'll still see new content on [NCRonline](#), [Global Sisters Report](#) and [EarthBeat](#), but to ease the workload, the Copy Desk Daily is taking a break from now until the end of the year. Look for the next edition on Jan. 2, 2020. Until then, have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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