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Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez was narrowly voted back into office last month, and with the program his government has on on the table, [tensions brew between church and Spain's 'progressive coalition.'](#) As one Catholic observer puts it, "This new administration offers some light, but also presents many shadows." From the Spanish hierarchy come warnings of a looming "cultural and identity crisis" over such issues as euthanasia, LGBT rights, church property and religious education in schools.

Global Sisters Report invited sisters to share how congregations are reaching out to younger women. A three-part series this week marks the World Day of Consecrated Life with a look at the responses that came in. The first installment: [Presence is vital to recruit younger women for consecrated life, congregations say.](#)

To continue the celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life, read [the story of a unique congregation](#), by columnist Sr. Marjolein Bruinen of the Dominican Sisters of Bethany.

ICYMI: EarthBeat talked to young adult Catholics who are concerned about climate change and facing the question: [Should we have kids?](#) For some, the answer, in conscience, is no. Get more insight on the article as reporter Brittany Wilmes reflects

on how this issue has affected her own life, in her perspective [\*\*A millennial woman and children: As many as God will give her?\*\*](#), and climate editor Bill Mitchell tells [\*\*the story behind the story of having kids amid climate crisis.\*\*](#)

Michael Sean Winters has found a worthwhile read from Austen Ivereigh, whose book [\*\*Wounded Shepherd documents Francis' first seven years with clarity, color, skill.\*\*](#)

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