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"The Light From the Southern Cross," a church report commissioned in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis in Australia, is now public. [Australian bishops' report advocates major changes to church governance](#), envisioning ways to share that responsibility with laypeople. The report's authors note, "The most visible indicator of the barriers to full participation is that the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in Australia, as in the Church across the world, remains exclusively male."

The day after police tear-gassed protesters to clear the way for a [presidential photo op](#) in front of an Episcopal church, Donald Trump made a previously scheduled appearance at the St. John Paul II Shrine. "Did no one think to disinvite him?" asks Michael Sean Winters. Apparently not, but other Catholics made their objections known. With an remarkably strong statement from the archbishop of Washington, D.C., Winters puts the score at [Archbishop Wilton Gregory: 1; Trump and Knights of Columbus: 0](#). Meanwhile, [Catholic activists protest Trump's visit to St. John Paul II Shrine](#) — about 2,000 people were at the demonstration, according to one of the on-the-fly organizers.

In an April print edition of NCR, Bill Tammeus contended that [the time is right to read Jesse Jackson's speeches](#). Now Tammeus' review of *Keeping Hope Alive*:

*Sermons & Speeches of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.* has been posted to NCR's website. What will the book have to say to us in June?

"The word ecology is not something academic, far away removed from us," says Cardinal Peter Turkson. "It is the environment in which we live." The cardinal took part in a Georgetown-sponsored virtual discussion of Pope Francis' "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home": [\*\*Panel explores how encyclical promotes connection between people, nature.\*\*](#)

Finally, for something a little lighter, GSR columnist Sr. Nancy Linenkugel brings her quirky perspective to questions of managerial style: [\*\*Which oven are you?\*\*](#)

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