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The inner-city Institute of Notre Dame was in an already-precarious position, with declining enrollment and financial woes. The COVID-19 pandemic was too much for the 173-year-old school to survive, the School Sisters of Notre Dame said, and they closed it in June. But [supporters hope to resurrect Baltimore girls' Catholic high school](#), organizing as the group Saving IND. As one alumna says, "IND girls don't really take no for an answer, so we're going to keep fighting. We were taught well: As long as we have faith and work hard and pray, there's nothing we can't do."

Another Notre Dame, the big-name university in Indiana, is proving to be a different cautionary tale, when it closed down in-person classes after just eight days saw a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases. Yesterday's NCR editorial says to take heed: [Catholic colleges, learn from Notre Dame about pandemic reality](#).

[In 'Life After the Pandemic,' Pope Francis hopes COVID-19 will change us.](#)

Fr. Tom Reese's column highlights some of the inspiration found in a new collection

of Francis' speeches.

Sr. Tracey Horan has always liked a variety of sights while running or hiking, but when she moved to Nogales, Mexico, her route options were more limited. Carving a well-worn path around a big field next to her house, she has found in [\*\*five hundred laps the path to wonder and awe.\*\*](#)

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