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## **Recommended for you today, from the NCR/GSR/EarthBeat copy desk:**

The Season of Creation began yesterday. Here is EarthBeat's [second installment of Lens on Creation](#) by Paul Jeffrey: To heal the planet, we must reduce our consumption to levels that are sustainable for everyone.

News of a settlement for Flint residents poisoned by the water supply coincides with the 2020 Season of Creation, reminding us of the overlap between environmental and racial injustice. Read Franciscan Friar Daniel P. Horan's Faith Seeking Understanding column [today](#).

"*Voting and Faithfulness: Catholic Perspectives on Politics*, edited by former Duquesne University Law professor Nicholas Cafardi, shows us what the U.S. bishops' quadrennial document 'Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship' could be if it had been done with a view towards reflecting Catholic teaching, rather than forged as part of an effort to align the Catholic Church with the Republican Party." Read Michael Sean Winters' Distinctly Catholic column [today](#).

Gabe Huck and Theresa Kubasak began living in Syria in 2005 and often visited Deir Mar Musa al Habashi, the monastery of Saint Moses the Abyssinian, where they came to know Jesuit Fr. Paolo Dall'Oglio. They review *A Church of Islam* by Shaun O'Neill and have some issues with it. Go to the NCR Book Club [today](#).

On Global Sisters Report, Sr. Ann Marie Paul: "When the city asked us to close the building from which we run our ministry for women. I still had a plan. I am a woman religious. In previous epidemics, our communities have stepped forward and gone where others would not. The founder of my community, Pauline von Mallinckrodt was described by a friend as someone who would 'creep into the huts of the poor . . . in an untiring, wonderfully inventive service to those who suffer.' " [Learn what happened.](#)

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