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Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro has come under a lot of criticism during his tenure as apostolic nuncio to India and Nepal — chiefly from Indian Catholics who take him to task for what they see as his inaction on sex scandals, abuse and corruption in the local hierarchy. Others say that expecting the nuncio to handle laity's grievances is a misunderstanding of his role. Now, Diquattro is headed to Brazil, and the Vatican envoy's removal from India brings relief for some Catholics.

Among the scandals that have roiled the Indian church is the Bishop Franco Mulakkal case, which Global Sisters Report <u>has been following</u> through its collaboration with Matters India. In yesterday's report from Kottayam, <u>Indian nun testifies in closed session of bishop's rape trial</u>.

Early on in the coronavirus pandemic, GSR editor Gail DeGeorge spent time "sheltering in place" on one of Florida's barrier islands, where she had a view of rejuvenating marine life on the closed beaches. "And most delightful to me was the evidence of sea turtles," she writes in a piece for EarthBeat, considering the question: Can conservation measures save sea turtles from climate change? (And there are adorable pictures of turtles at that link.)

Marianist Sr. Nicole Trahan has been reading the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last book and find it a "surreal experience. In many ways, it seems like the book was written in the summer of 2020." **Chaos or community? The choice is ours**, just as it was in 1968.

Donald <u>Trump thinks his road to victory passes through the Catholic Church</u>, and CatholicVote.org is gearing up to spend \$9.7 million to get those Catholic voters for his reelection. But Michael Sean Winters says that strategy may not be a sure thing.

Indiana pastor asks parish men to volunteer for firearms training. "We would like any man who wants to be included in the physical defense of the parish to be present to discuss and go over tactics for possible situations at St. Stanislaus that would require the use of firearms," Msgr. John Fritz wrote in an email to parishioners.

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