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[Do no harm: Catholic hospitals confront their own carbon footprints](#): Catholic health care providers are recognizing how the effects of climate change are harming human health and will only worsen as the planet warms. "But as the medical community examines its response to climate change," Brian Roewe writes, "a discomfiting realization has become apparent: They're part of the problem."

Cue the first song from David Bowie's album "Ziggy Stardust" (it's "Five Years"), because [Global Sisters Report turns 5 tomorrow](#). Editor Gail DeGeorge provides an informative retrospective. Congratulations GSR!

Also on Global Sisters: [Women and Earth are 'on the receiving end of patriarchy' when it comes to profit](#) According to Sr. Elsa Muttathu, who represents the International Presentation Association at the United Nations, "When Earth is affected or overexploited, women and girls are affected first."

[Look up at the altar, where are the women?](#) "It's a men's church," Phyllis Zagano writes. "The clerics — all vested — are in the sanctuary or at least up front. The rest of us are far away."

['Sometimes a fire is just a fire'](#) by Michael Sean Winters: "While the roof of Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral was still aflame last week, the interpretations of what this fire meant began to flood the internet and Twitter. We Americans are nothing if not

utilitarian and so we seemed unable simply to sit with our sadness as we watched the fire engulf the much beloved cathedral."

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