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A pharmacist undergoes training in preparation for the distribution of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine at a Mount Sinai Health System pharmacy in the Queens borough of New York City in this handout photo released Dec. 10. (CNS/Mount Sinai Health System via Reuters)



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NCR executive editor Heidi Schlumpf has joined Season 7 of "The Francis Effect" podcast. She joins co-hosts Franciscan Fr. Dan Horan (columnist for NCR's "[Faith](#)

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In this episode, Dault, Horan and Schlumpf discuss the end of Season 7 and the year 2020. They talk about the new COVID-19 vaccine, the growing rift among bishops concerning President-elect Joe Biden, and the joy of the Christmas season.

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