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"The Francis Effect" podcast co-hosts David Dault, Heidi Schlumpf and Franciscan Fr. Daniel Horan record the latest episode. (NCR screenshot)



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NCR executive editor Heidi Schlumpf is part of the new season of "The Francis Effect" podcast, joining co-hosts Franciscan Fr. Daniel Horan ([columnist for NCR](#)) and [David Dault](#), executive producer and host of "Things Not Seen: Conversations About Culture and Faith."

Heidi, Father Daniel and David discuss anti-Black-studies legislation in Florida, including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis' efforts to stop Advanced Placement curriculum, and why this matters for Catholics nationwide.

They also examine parallels between anti-LGBTQIA+ policies at U.S. Catholic schools and dioceses, and the anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation in many state houses.

The trio talk about the beginning of Lent, and its challenges amid polarization,

pandemic and war.

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