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Cultural attitudes around gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religion are gradually changing, but the fact that the shift is most pronounced among Americans too young to vote also means that the country has yet to see the full impact of the changes in progress.

**Read:** [US Congress, more diverse than ever, falls far short of country's diversity](#)

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Get the numbers up by getting back to service and getting out of the church building. The latest Field Hospital post has some parish examples to live up to.

**Read:** [Road to true Vatican II parish is downward mobility](#)

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The Brazilian legal system is unlike the one in the United States; a person can move in and out of prison as appeals are filed and resolved.

**Read:** [Convicted mastermind of Sr. Dorothy Stang's murder ordered back to prison](#)

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You may be very familiar with NCR's "Young Voices" column (published every Thursday), but if you are searching for something to inspire yourself - and perhaps the younger people in your family - take note of GSR's "Notes from the Field," a weekly blog from college graduates who are volunteering in ministries around the world with Catholic sisters.

**Read:** [A lesson learned: God as a source of trust](#)

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Marianist Sr. Nicole Trahan is a young adult who has attended a lot of funerals in her life, starting at a young age. It took her a while to realize this is not the norm.

**Read:** [Being present to those who mourn](#)

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