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Are you worried that people will forget about St. Óscar Romero?

**Start off with:** [Action, not 'pretty words,' sustains Romero's legacy, says Salvadoran priest](#)

Daniel P. Horan is a Franciscan friar and a theology professor, who says the importance of theologians is not a matter of elitism, but of a professional commitment to truth and accuracy that is not mere opinion or conjecture.

**He discusses:** [The problematic rise of armchair theologians](#)

Mary E. Hunt, a feminist theologian, writes: "Kathleen Gallagher Elkins makes a strong case for the usefulness of feminist biblical scholarship to examine and

transform patriarchal thinking about women. Her book is a welcome crash course in the latest research and writing in a field that I bet most preachers do not even know exists."

**Her review of *Mary, Mother of Martyrs: How Motherhood Became Self-Sacrifice in Early Christianity*:** [Women are fully human agents of social, political change](#)

Find out what happened at the weekend conference examining Catholic vocation — held at Union Theological Seminary, a bastion of liberal Protestantism in upper Manhattan.

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More than 30,000 words, but short on specifics? One takeaway of many: "Asked about Francis' decision not to mention the Synod's call for women in decision-making roles during the Vatican press conference presenting the new letter, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri said the pope 'could not write about everything that was in the document.' "

**In case you missed yesterday's big story about the new teaching document:** [Francis' youth exhortation says Catholic Church must change but offers few proposals](#)

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