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When the United Methodist Church strengthened its ban on LGBTQ clergy — a decision recently confirmed by the denomination's highest court — one group was hit particularly hard: LGBTQ seminary students. Read the story of Spencer Cullom, a lesbian soon to graduate from Duke Divinity School: **[What to do about ordination? A gay divinity school student ponders her future.](#)**

When the International Union of Superiors General held its last triennial meeting in 2016, it made a news splash when Pope Francis told the attending sisters about the formation of a commission to study the history of women deacons. Read about what the union's leaders have been doing over the past three years, and about what's planned for the 2019 assembly that starts next week: **[International Union of Superiors General advocates for women, sees influence grow.](#)**

In this week's Soul Seeing column, Jesuit Fr. William O'Malley reflects on **[the Beatitudes in the Age of Me First.](#)**

You may recall GSR's recent [story](#) on Lovers of the Holy Cross sisters' service in California. The Vietnam-founded congregation has a major anniversary coming up in 2020 and the Los Angeles contingent is preparing: **[Q&A with Sr. Grace Duc Le on the 350th anniversary of Lovers of the Holy Cross.](#)**

Sr. Mary Ellen Brody writes about her experiences traveling to Honduras with the "reverse caravan," envisioning a world where [\*\*migration is not criminalized\*\*](#).

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