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Arlin Karina Tellez Martinez came to the United States when she was just 4 years old. Her mother brought her. Today, she is a student at Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C. (on a full scholarship, no less), and working for immigrants' rights. Read about something the media is not covering so much: [The Dream and Promise Act](#).

Our big news today: There's a draft out of a proposed new apostolic constitution, which, among other things, downgrades the once all-powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in favor of a new streamlined evangelization bureau charged with attracting followers by considering the "fundamental questions" of our era. Learn more about *Praedicate Evangelium* ("Preach the Gospel") in [Joshua J. McElwee's report](#).

We've also got [commentary](#) about the proposed changes from Richard Gaillardetz.

**Book Review:** Stacey Haney likely never read Pope Francis' encyclical on humans and the environment, but her experiences highlight the relevance of the pope's environmental concerns for ordinary Americans who often feel insulated from these matters.

**Q & A with artist Lexa Walsh,** who sculpted sisters from her past: "I lived in an anarchist collective in the Czech Republic for eight years before I went to grad school. I can look back now and see how it relates. At the time, I thought, 'I'm just living my politics.' But actually, I started living communally when I was born by being in a big Catholic family. I'm the youngest of 15. We worked collaboratively together as a family."

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