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### **At colloquium, Hispanic scholars engage theology's real-world implications.**

The format of the 2019 conference for the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (or ACHTUS) put the emphasis on conversation — doing theology in community.

Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco in India have been taking in impoverished girls at their "House of Mary" since 1990. The young residents come from often dire circumstances, living on the streets and suffering abuse. But [at Marialaya, girls from India's slums find home, nurture and a future.](#)

The split of U.S. sisters' leadership groups — the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious — is almost 30 years old. For women who have become sisters since that time, it's murky as to why it happened, but they believe creating unity is crucial to the future of religious life. Read about their efforts in [Breaking bread: Today's generation of Catholic sisters forge cross-conference relationships.](#)

[When it comes to church reform, despair is not an option](#), writes Sr. Christine Schenk. The Holy Spirit is creating something new, and summoning us to action.

Columnist Colman McCarthy has been an avid pedaler for decades, and he's happy to see [bicycles breeze through US as cyclist numbers rise, bike lanes](#)

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