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The group Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty has spoken out against the reinstatement of the federal death penalty. The group makes the case that the **death penalty goes against conservative principles** like limited government and respect for life.

Contributor Don Clemmer puts forward an unexpected model that could give the church a makeover when it comes to cultural encounter: **'Queer Eye' shows how grace works.**

Sr. Mary Petrosky goes looking in the Gospels for Jesus' encounters with older people, and learns that **elders aren't excused from speaking out** on injustices.

Catholic laypeople are supposed to step up and get involved in matters of church governance. But how? Peter Feuerherd advises: **Look for lay involvement that transcends the ideological divide.**

GSR has a **Q & A with Sr. Mary Nafula, ministering to patients with HIV/AIDS in Kenya**. She and her team particularly focus on creating a welcoming environment for youth.

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