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- Sr. Nancy Sylvester's Contemplate This column invites you to [use her reflection](#) for yourself and perhaps with those with whom you celebrate this Thanksgiving.
- [On Capitol Hill, Jesuit students deliver 58,000 Catholic signatures in support of Senate climate bill.](#) The petition, signed by Catholics in every state, urged the U.S. Senate to pass a bill requiring the president to create a plan to meet the U.S. commitments under the Paris Agreement on climate change.

When Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in 2013 became the first Jesuit in history to be elected the Roman pontiff, there was not a single member of his religious order serving at the Vatican in a leadership position. "In the modern era, relations between the Jesuits and the papacy have been very hostile," said Michela Catto, an Italian church historian who has written a number of books on the Jesuits and their relations with the Vatican.

- Read about the implications in this [report from Joshua J. McElwee](#), NCR's Vatican correspondent.

Patricia Hackett is an adjunct professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School, where U.S. Attorney General William Barr gave a speech last month. She says, "Mr. Barr's analysis of religious freedom, in my judgment, is inconsistent with his duties as the sitting Attorney General of the United States. And what he said about the Judeo-Christian tradition was theologically and historically inaccurate. I would go so far to say that I have never read or heard remarks from a government official in the United States that were so inaccurate and disturbing."

- [Read her analysis](#) of Barr's inaccuracies and see if you agree.

In 1974, they became the first women ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in the U.S. This November, five of them gathered again to celebrate the life of one of their own, Alison Cheek, who died Sept. 1.

- [Read about the Philadelphia 11 reunion.](#)

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