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- NCR columnist Michael Sean Winters says that a new book on U.S. religious freedom starts with the Founders but forgets seeds of secularism: [Read Part 1 of a review of Steven Waldman's *Sacred Liberty*](#)

- In case you missed it: [The first week of daily Advent meditations using the words of *Laudato Si'*](#)
- The pope's appointment of women as full members of the Vatican office for religious orders includes Sr. Kathleen Appler, of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The Daughters continue a legacy of pioneering leadership started by co-founder St. Louise de Marillac: [Read more about her](#)

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