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In Mexico's Michoacán state, up to a billion monarch butterflies winter in the woods of the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve. Raúl Hernández and Homero Gómez advocated for the reserve's protection, and for that they gave their lives. EarthBeat carries a commentary about their work and the extraordinary natural phenomenon of the monarchs' migration: [**Activists killed in Mexican state where illegal logging threatens butterflies**](#).

[**Disgraced religious order tried to get abuse victim to lie**](#) — that's what is alleged in key evidence in a criminal trial soon to begin in Milan, Italy. Prosecutors are saying that the Legionaries of Christ tried to obstruct justice in a case involving one of the order's priests accused of abuse.

Querida Amazonia keeps generating conversation. Here are some of the latest voices to chime in:

- Rafael Luciani, who served as a theological adviser during the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon, says that Pope [Francis' Amazon exhortation creates a new moment for Latin America](#) — indeed, a new phase in this pontificate.
- St. Joseph Sr. Christine Schenk found [good news and not-so-good news in Francis' Amazon exhortation](#).
- Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee put together a sampling of what's being said in Europe, where [Italian responses to Amazonian exhortation evince disappointment, anger](#).

Presidents have been on Sr. Nancy Sylvester's mind lately, with the impeachment, Monday's holiday and this year's upcoming election. What are the complexities that go into [discerning presidential candidates](#)?

Global Sisters Report's [A Place to Call Home](#) series is putting a spotlight on the problem of homelessness. Today, the series features a [Q & A with Providence Sr. Susanne Hartung, serving Seattle and focused on people who are homeless](#)

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