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Listen to Jesuit Fr. Joseph Brown's words on bearing the weight of being [Black in America: I am tired](#), he says, and hope is choked. "In my 75 years I have learned to be tolerated, within every white institution where I have had to be schooled, trained for ministry or employed. Tolerated. But when will my life experience be valued as more precious than gold?"

[We all must say 'Black Lives Matter'](#) — without qualification, columnist Jamie Manson says, as she takes up [Fr. Bryan Massingale's challenge](#) for white people to "sit in the discomfort" of their own racism.

[When wedding vows conflict with the Catholic workplace](#): NCR intern Sarah Salvadore reports on how firings of same-sex marriage partners continue in church schools, and how taking legal action against discrimination at Catholic institutions remains an uphill battle. Says one woman fired from her parish job: "Filing a lawsuit may be difficult, but it's important we continue to do it. For no other reason than to

remind them that this is not the way of God or the way of Christ."

A CNN interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci, witnessing his dedication to speaking the truth during the pandemic, inspired Sr. Nancy Sylvester's thoughts on [**acting in the midst of grief: how to be during this time**](#). "We cannot let the grief become toxic and disempowering," she writes. "We need to continue our work with compassionate eyes."

Canossian Sr. Lavina D'Souza brings her perspective on the coronavirus in India and what sisters there are doing to [**enkindle hope amid panic and tension**](#).

He led students at LA's Loyola High School to found the Christian Action Movement and when he died in March, [**Fr. James Rude left a legacy of spiritual and social justice formation**](#). Patrick Whelan, a onetime "CAM coordinator" as a Loyola student in the 1970s, pays tribute to the late Jesuit priest.

GSR has a [**Q & A with Julie McElmurry, zooming in on monastic life with documentaries**](#) that aim to bring a multidimensional portrait of Catholic sisters to film.

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