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Residents of San Diego drive up to drop off their mail-in ballots at the offices of the Registrar of Voters for San Diego County Oct. 19. (CNS/Reuters/Mike Blake)



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NCR executive editor Heidi Schlumpf has joined Season 7 of "The Francis Effect" podcast. She joins co-hosts Franciscan Fr. Dan Horan (columnist for NCR's "[Faith Seeking Understanding](#)") and David Dault, executive producer and host of "Things Not Seen: Conversations about Culture and Faith."

Horan, Schlumpf and Dault recorded this episode 19 days out from the 2020 presidential election. They discuss voters and the significance of the "Catholic"

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