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In this conversation, NCR executive editor Heidi Schlumpf speaks with Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky about President-elect Joe Biden's first 100 days and the advice he offers Biden in our series [Building a Common Future](#).

Background reading:

- In his essay in our series, [Bishop John Stowe writes](#) that one area in which Joe Biden might begin to address the divide and promote the common good would be a genuine engagement in the issues of rural poverty.
- For this series, we asked Catholic politicians, activists and scholars to offer advice to President-elect Joe Biden. The series takes its title from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*: "Building a Common Future," and it will continue in the days preceding the inauguration. [Read all of the essays here](#).
- Heidi refers to another essay in this conversation, one published on January 14 and written by a Catholic priest and sister who share a counseling ministry. They write about [how Catholics were conned](#) by President Donald Trump and how we can respond to today's painful reality.

Join us next Thursday, January 21 at 2:30 Eastern/1:30 Central for the next live conversation on Building a Common Future. Heidi Schlumpf will be joined by Michael Sean Winters and Sr. Simone Campbell, executive director of Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice. We'll be streaming live to [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). See you there!

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