

# **Fortunate to have been helped by women religious**

I too am seriously concerned by the mandate of the Holy See to investigate women religious in America. This has no relationship to the priest's Apostolic Visitation of 2005. My understanding is the priests' Visitation was precipitated by the serious concerns around the sexual abuse scandal and the diminished numbers in the seminaries. In no way are women religious in the same position. My own experience of several different communities from 1958 to the present day is of women who minister lovingly and tirelessly for the good of all they meet. This investigation is an insult to all those who have helped my family and me. I don't see how any positive results could occur, other than helping me to reflect on how lucky I have been to be touched by American religious women.