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**[Water projects, respect for women create sustainability in India's tribal villages](#)**. In the northwestern state of Rajasthan, Holy Spirit Sisters have changed lives, checking migration to the cities and working to end practices that subjugate women, such as child marriage.

**[Afterschool teaching helped students soar](#)** in the Kalima area of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Sr. Espérance Kanyere recounts a transformation.

**[Templeton's new grant program seeks to connect art, spirituality](#)**. Through the Art Seeking Understanding initiative, the Templeton Religion Trust is looking to give some \$2 million over the next five years to project that take on the question, "Can art unlock new spiritual information?"

Tracey Horan recently moved to the US-Mexico border, where **[there's danger of growing accustomed to injustice](#)**, abuse of power, and lack of compassion. It can be a necessary coping mechanism for people who live there, but she fears what we are treating as normal.

ICYMI: From the papal plane yesterday, Joshua McElwee reports that Pope Francis, speaking to a French journalist, **[called US Catholic criticism of his papacy an 'honor.'](#)** Follow NCR's coverage of the pope's trip to Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius this week at **[Francis in Africa 2019](#)**.

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