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Public hospital doctors have been on strike in Zimbabwe, and the standoff with the government has crippled the country's health care system. Catholic hospitals are doing what they can to meet people's needs, while **Catholic bishops mediate in Zimbabwe doctors' strike crisis**.

While staff writer Brian Roewe was in Rome for the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon, he caught up with **Tom Stang, brother of Sr. Dorothy Stang**, who was killed in 2005 for her work defending the rights of poor farmers in the Amazon. As he encountered so many at the synod who loved and admired his sister, "I've experienced why Dorothy loved Brazil."

It's the tension of the season: **the materialism of Santa Claus and the spirituality of Baby Jesus**. In his Soul Seeing column, renowned Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff imagines a letter left at the doors of houses and huts, from the Baby Jesus to the children there.

If we ever needed the Incarnation, we need it today, in this time of polarization and hatred, writes Sr. Nancy Sylvester. **How are you living the Incarnation?**

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