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Meet Uzo Obinna, who wants to be a doctor. He stopped going to school when he was 10 and started selling oranges in Nigeria's streets to help support his family. "Every day when I'm carrying my oranges in the street, I see my friends coming back from school and I feel angry," he says. Correspondent Patrick Egwu tells Uzo's story and writes about how the D.C.-based [Africa Faith and Justice Network advocates for child rights in Nigeria](#), training Catholic sisters and others to campaign to end child exploitation, as well as stop violence against women.

[Some promises should not be forever](#): Sr. Joan Chittister explains the ways that political disavowal is a virtue that could save the character of the nation.

In her latest Notes from the Field blog, Honorine Uwimana talks to her fellow St. Joseph Workers about how they ended up in this yearlong volunteer program in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and [what you can learn through service to others](#).

Commentators have been blaming a Labour Party move to the left for its recent loss at the polls — and offering that as a warning to Democratic candidates across the Atlantic. But [drawing facile US lessons from the UK election ignores our differences](#), Michael Sean Winters notes.

Sr. Kathy Roberg traveled to Arizona in July and saw, [\*\*in the deserts of the border, an exodus of today\*\*](#) in the journeys of refugees hoping for the promised land.

[\*\*Breaking through oaths of secrecy at the 2013 conclave\*\*](#): Fr. Donald Cozzens reviews *The Election of Pope Francis: An Inside Account of the Conclave That Changed History* by Gerard O'Connell.

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