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**Archbishop Moses Costa of Bangladesh dies after COVID-19 battle:** After a monthlong battle with COVID-19, the secretary-general of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh died July 13. Costa was a beloved leader in the country.

**From one survivor to others, wishes of healing for David Haas' accusers:** Valerie Schultz writes, "I read with empathetic revulsion the narratives of these young women who craved the mentorship of a legendary church musician, only to find themselves being played, sought after for a stolen kiss or a grope or worse, the music in them silenced by this grotesque misreading of the situation.

"Each one breaks my heart. Each one represents a young person who, like me, will spend a long time figuring out that the blame belongs completely to the adult predator."

**The problems with papal politicking:** Executive editor Heidi Schlumpf takes a look at the politicking within Cardinal Timothy Dolan's apparent [meddling in the process](#) of selecting a papal successor. She starts with a helpful news flash: The current pope is currently alive and, as far as we know, healthy and not considering stepping down.

**Amid biting drought, sisters in Zambia fend off hunger with organic farming:** Daughters of the Redeemer sisters farm on their 15 acres, excluding all

synthetic chemical inputs. As GSR Africa/Middle East correspondent Doreen Ajiambo reports, "the farm bears a variety of indigenous vegetables, fruits, cabbage, kale, maize, tomatoes, onions, beans and livestock."

Also in Zambia, many rural peasants and townspeople burn charcoal as a source of energy, as Charity Bbalo explains. A women's group, in an alternative effort to tree-cutting, is [\*\*preserving trees by making charcoal from paper litter\*\*](#).

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