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Two Australians weigh in on the state of the Catholic Church in their country in the aftermath of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on sexual abuse charges. In [\*\*Cardinal Pell: understanding the verdict and the fury\*\*](#), historian Paul Collins traces Pell's career and how his reputation for a rigid, hectoring Catholicism has fed Australian anger. And Gail Grossman Freyne writes that [\*\*Australia's plenary can wait: We need an adjournment on scandal\*\*](#). There may be lip service to "listening" and "consultation," but the process that's underway shows a Plenary Council that will be a tool of the hierarchy, she says.

Global Sisters Report has a [\*\*Q & A with Sr. Janice McLaughlin, combating human trafficking in Zimbabwe\*\*](#). The Maryknoll Sister, who has lived in Zimbabwe for decades, and her colleagues put their anti-trafficking efforts into awareness and education, research and advocacy, and trauma counseling.

"Christ always surprises": This week's Soul Seeing column comes from Bishop Gerald Kicanas, apostolic administrator to the Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico: [\*\*I saw Christ on the southern border\*\*](#).

An either-or consciousness is not going to get us to a new future. As we go into Lent, Sr. Nancy Sylvester reflects on how Jesus teaches a different way, and it's time to **[upgrade our operating system](#)**.

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