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"I nearly died when I was giving birth to this child," recalled Reginah Bennet, shifting her 9-month-old son from her back to her bosom. "The sisters really saved my life and my baby's life. I bled excessively and the sisters had to rush me to their hospital for safe delivery." Read: [Sisters encourage Masai mothers to turn to medically assisted deliveries](#)

The Holy Rosary Sisters wanted to help remote communities of Zambia discover their potential for development. Chipapa was a neglected region, so it fit their mission perfectly. [Read more.](#)

Noted Catholic ethicists and moral theologians [share with NCR their thoughts on the drone strike](#) that killed Qassem Soleimani and the subsequent escalation of tensions between the U.S. and Iran.

[Commentary by James J. Fox:](#) The Shiites, the minority branch of Islam, viewed Iran's Gen. Qassem Soleimani as their defender. The U.S. action to kill him, a short-term tactical response, will have created long lasting memories in a continuing religious struggle.

Living in remote areas, the descendants of Africans brought to Brazil as slaves are largely Catholic but have infrequent contact with the formal church. They face political and cultural discrimination. [Read more.](#)

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