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An Oakland priest spoke with the passion and intemperance of a biblical prophet, and his words call attention to the church hierarchy's alliance with the wealthy and powerful around the world. [Read this commentary about why we need this today.](#)

Home. That word has meant more in recent months. As COVID-19 spread across the globe and shelter-in-place orders followed, some were able to hunker down in a familiar, safe space to ride out the unprecedented pandemic. However, that wasn't necessarily the case for the estimated 1.6 billion people around the globe who live in substandard housing: tent settlements, rickety shacks, dilapidated urban apartments with two or more families, makeshift shelters fashioned out of junked cars and truck trailers, and more. Dive into Global Sisters Report's 2020 project, "A Place to Call Home," [here](#).

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