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Pope Francis greets the Cardinal's Office National Camille before meeting with the National, 7:10 a.m. and will continue July 25 at the National, Atlanta.

### Pope apologizes to Canada's Indigenous

By CHRISTOPHER WHITE

Pope Francis made an historic apology during a week-long trip to Canada in late July, saying he was "deeply sorry" for the Catholic Church's "catastrophic" involvement in removing aboriginal residential schools for Indigenous children. "I humbly beg forgiveness for the environmental damage that has been done to the Indigenous peoples," Francis said on July 27 during a solemn meeting with Indigenous representatives, while visiting the former residential school site in the town of Kamouraska, Quebec.

### Gay woman wins battle against US bishops to become foster parent

By BRIAN FRAGA

Ruby Baxter was in legal battle to become a foster parent to rescue children. But Baxter still feels like she's "on trial."

### Climate-concerned voters ready to bring faith to midterm polls

By BRIAN ROEWE

With less than 90 days until the midterm elections, a national network of state-based environmental faith groups is gearing up for a final push to register their communities to vote and their own faith with voting the election that is at stake.

### Catholic hospitals struggle to aid collapsing Zimbabwe system

By THANDWA KAROHVEDO

Public hospitals in Zimbabwe have experienced significant labor shortages in recent months, with staff at many hospitals going on strike to protest poor pay in a country where the rate of currency inflation has reached a record.

Dr. Thebe Sibilo, a physician at the Catholic-run St. Anne's Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe's southeast, has been treated in all kinds of life-saving medical practices. But lately because of more frequent electricity outages, he has had to start providing aid under candle or kerosene light. "We are struggling," Sibilo told NCR of the staff at his hospital. "It

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Voters in Marietta, Georgia, line up to cast ballots in the U.S. Senate runoff election on Aug. 3, 2022.

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### Black Catholic groups gather for in-person meeting

By DAN STOOKMAN

The new president of the National Black Sisters' Conference closed the group's annual gathering with a message, calling for Black sisters, priests and seminarians to stand with her as a witness that Black lives do matter.

The front pages of two recent issues of the National Catholic Reporter (NCR graphic)



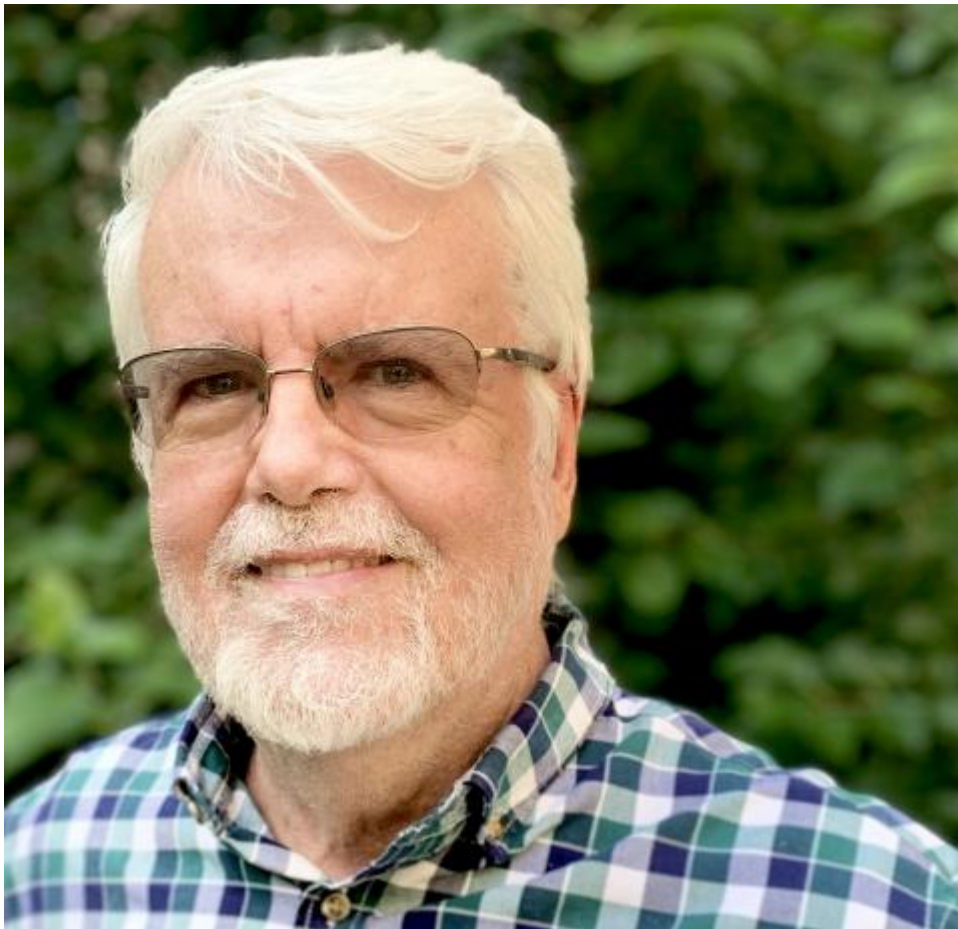
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Bill Mitchell

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