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There are more than 17.6 million Catholics in India. The church is divided into three rites: Syro-Malabar, Syro-Malankara and the Latin rite.

While Syro-Malabar Catholics number just 5.1 million out of 1.2 billion Roman Catholics worldwide, in Kerala, Syro-Malabar Catholics make up the majority of Christians. "Despite low credibility of religious leaders, people continue going to church," said Michael Tharakan, a researcher at the Kerala Council for Historical Research specializing in St. Thomas Christians.

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In Mumbai, India, with the help of volunteers from Our Lady of Health Parish, Minor Carmelites of Charity sisters serve 29 residents with mental and physical disabilities. "Our children are abandoned by relatives who found it difficult to take care of them. We give them a home and treat them as part of our family."

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Margaret Gonsalves belongs to the Sisters for Christian Community, Washington, D.C. She is active in church and theological fora. As founder of ANNNI Charitable Trust, she works to empower indigenous girls and women, offering residential programs in English and sustainable development skills in India.

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Members of the Confederation of Latin American and Caribbean Religious see this moment in the church as a celebration brought to a halt by a crisis, calling women to assume leadership and pave the way for a transformation.

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