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Amid a growing economic crisis and in the wake of a disputed election, [Zimbabwe church leaders call for seven-year political sabbath](#). The joint statement from the Catholic bishops and four Protestant organizations proposes resetting the country's politics "in a non-competitive political environment."

Columnist Amy Morris-Young looks at the American political climate — and the strain it's putting on personal relationships — and asks: [Amid vitriol and polarization, how can we love one another?](#)

GSR has a [Q & A with Sr. Teresa Namataka](#), who describes her work training African sisters to counsel people with HIV/AIDS.

El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz's new pastoral letter on racism, "Night Will Be No More," forthrightly challenges white supremacy, writes columnist Fr. Dan Horan. In that approach, [Seitz gets right what US bishops got wrong](#) with their conference's letter on the same topic last fall.

Carolyn Forché brings us back to pre-war El Salvador in new memoir, *What You Have Heard Is True*. She first traveled to the country as a 27-year-old in 1978, and interviewed St. Óscar Romero just before his assassination in 1980. Dana Greene reviews Forché's "Memoir of Witness and Resistance."

A correction for yesterday's Copy Desk Daily: Margaret Susan Thompson was misidentified as a sister. Instead, she brings her [perspective](#) on the future of religious life as an associate with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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