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The code of silence is breaking in yet another country. [Cries of abuse in Catholic Church start to be heard in Japan](#), where Catholics make up less than 0.5% of the population.

[Amplifying the color of hope in El Salvador](#): Through a joint initiative called the Color Movement, two Minnesota-based organizations, Alight and Sisters Rising Worldwide, are focusing on gang-challenged Salvadoran neighborhoods. The initiative supports the work of 10 sisters from two congregations: Trusted in the neighborhoods, the sisters "are a 'force field' of safety."

It was a lackluster gathering in Madrid to negotiate implementation of the Paris Agreement. [With little progress at COP 25 climate summit, attention turns to 2020](#). That will be the year that countries are supposed to submit revised and more ambitious national climate plans. Meanwhile, in New York, [Africans call for more action on climate at Religions for Peace summit](#), along with Myanmar's

Cardinal Charles Bo and indigenous leaders.

At St. Patrick Catholic Community in Scottsdale, Arizona, [**parishioners object to firings of laicized priest and inactive priest**](#). The laicized priest has worked in the Phoenix Diocese for 27 years, but now "a decision has been made" that the two men cannot serve in leadership or teaching positions because they once served as priests.

[**Pauline sisters sing their 25th annual 'He Is Born' Christmas concert**](#). If the Daughters of St. Paul Choir's eight-city tour doesn't come your way, the story, photos and, especially, videos on Global Sisters Report will give you a taste.

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