



Children at Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, a church-run shelter for potentially trafficked children and unaccompanied minors trying to cross the Haiti-Dominican Republic border (GSR/Chris Herlinger)

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Chris Herlinger traveled to Haiti last year, where he met Sisters of St. John the Evangelist who run a shelter for children in danger of being trafficked. Chris also

shares some updates from the United Nations, where Catholic sisters advocate for anti-trafficking laws and regulations.

Franciscan Sr. Sarah Kohles and St. Joseph Sr. Susan Francois are two of the 13 contributors to a new book written for young women contemplating vowed religious life. The book, *In Our Own Words*, was published Jan. 25 by [Liturgical Press](#).

### **On the show today:**

- Chris Herlinger, international correspondent for [Global Sisters Report](#), based in New York
- Franciscan Sr. Sarah Kohles
- St. Joseph Sr. Susan Francois

### **Background reading:**

- At the Haitian-Dominican border, [a sister-run shelter](#) protects children vulnerable to human trafficking.
- Mercy Sr. Jeanne Christensen talks to GSR about how [anti-trafficking efforts have evolved](#) in the United States.
- In 2013, women religious [asked Pope Francis](#) to name Feb. 8 a world day of prayer against human trafficking.
- Catholic sisters around the world work to [end human trafficking](#) and protect victims and the vulnerable.
- In a new book, 13 [younger sisters write](#) about the realities of present-day religious life.

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