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[**After tumultuous year, bishops' meeting opens with palpable sense of weariness.**](#) The U.S. bishops' spring assembly is underway in Baltimore. Follow NCR's coverage at the [**USCCB Spring Assembly 2019**](#) feature series page.

Reporter Margot Patterson visits the Trappists in Midelt, Morocco, and shares with us the insights of [**the last monk of Tibhirine**](#), Fr. Jean-Pierre Schumacher. He was a member of the Trappist community in Algeria where seven monks were kidnapped and killed in 1996. They and 12 other Christians killed during the Algerian civil war were beatified in 2018, and the Trappist community has been re-established at Notre Dame de L'Atlas Monastery in Midelt.

And another martyr's [**legacy**](#) endures in Brazil: [**'The religion of this people is their land,' say Sr. Dorothy Stang's successors**](#). Two Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Stang's congregation, continue her support for poor agricultural workers.

Spurred to action by last year's Pennsylvania grand jury report on sex abuse and its cover-up in the Catholic Church, [**parishioners at two Philadelphia-area churches organize on abuse crisis**](#).

The example of the "Greatest Generation" in the battle against Nazism should not let us off the hook, thinking we can't measure up, writes Young Voices columnist Brian Harper. There are plenty of worthy causes to take on today, so [**have the willingness of D-Day veterans, rise to the challenge.**](#)

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