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A long-promised, 25-acre stormwater management and flood control project called the [Mirabeau Water Garden in New Orleans](#) was made possible through the vision and generosity of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

As the [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#) celebrates its 15th anniversary, there are signs that the organization is emerging as one of the most significant and innovative Catholic social justice organizations in the country.

Stanley Joakim sat on his bed in a tiny single room in this northern town of Tanzania as he recalled his terrifying ordeal in May: undergoing torture by unknown people who had kidnapped him outside the school gate. "They tortured and left me to die," said the 17-year-old as he broke down in tears. "They beat me up for three days without giving me water or any food. They told me either to give them money or they would sacrifice me." The teenager, accompanied by his mother, [wished to speak openly with Global Sisters Report](#) in hopes his experience would spur government action against traffickers in his area.

Not good news: [New rules could extend time migrant children, families spend in detention](#)

[Sr. Helen Prejean talked to Religion News Service](#) about how she became involved in social justice, why she thinks the death penalty is on its way out and how she got to "bump into two popes along the way."

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