



# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

## STRENGTH *in Hope*

JUNE 22 - JUNE 29, 2019

Join us as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

### ON THE BORDER OF HELL Christian Persecution in Iraq

#### On the Border of Hell: Christian Persecution in Iraq

Sunday 6/23 at 5 PM

A team from Rome Reports has lived amongst Christians in the city of Erbil Iraq, and collected testimonies of hope on the border of hell. Watch the history of a people, their lives threatened, with hardly any international support.

#### The Seal of Confession

Monday 6/24 at 8:30 PM

"The Seal of Confession: A Continuous Quest to Preserve the Priest-Penitent Privilege" - a documentary produced by Catholic News Service - explores the sacrament of reconciliation and how the Catholic Church considers confidentiality in the confessional inviolable, resisting governmental intrusions of penance for centuries, continuing today, with no end in sight.



#### Christian Persecution in Sri Lanka

Tuesday 6/25 at 9 PM

Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka were the worst attacks against Christians in recent years. Suicide bombers killed 250 people and wounded hundreds in two churches in Negombo and Colombo, the capital of the country. One month after the tragedy, Rome Reports spoke with the victims' relatives and discovered the strength of forgiveness. In a country where Christians barely make 10 percent of the population, their testimony of reconciliation has caused a sensation. A key figure in the exemplary behavior is Cardinal Ranjith, who just faced one of the hardest moments of his life.



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