

Morning Briefing

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The Diocese of Phoenix has [missed its self-imposed deadline to publish details of how many priests have been accused of sexual misconduct](#) [1] and the associated costs of the scandal.

[Devon case shows how religious orders evade scrutiny in priest abuse cases](#) [2]

Maitland-Newcastle, Australia -- [Diocese agrees to financial settlements thought to be worth more than \\$15 million](#) [3] to more than 100 victims of alleged pedophile abuse.

New York City -- [To Survive, a Catholic School Retools for a Wealthier Market](#) [4]

Cardinal George in Chicago -- [Cardinal's 2nd cancer diagnosis raises new questions over Catholic leader's future](#) [5]

[The Al Smith Dinner and business as usual](#) [6]

Australia -- [A SENIOR Catholic official has been called on to stand aside from the board of a Canberra secondary school after revelations he did not report a paedophile priest to law enforcement.](#) [7]

Minnesotan -- [Marriage fight divides state's Catholics](#) [8] Those who oppose the proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage are organizing, putting them at odds with bishops.

Philippines -- [Catholic schools that do not toe the line on the reproductive health \(RH\) bill may be stripped of their affiliation with the Church](#) [9], the head of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines warned over the weekend.

[Radio program explores homosexuality in different faith communities](#) [10]

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: celebrationpublications.org/dailybread. [11] You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

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[2] http://articles.philly.com/2012-08-19/news/33273357_1_priest-abuse-cases-wilmington-diocese-religious-orders

[3] <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/diocese-agrees-15m-victims-bill/story-e6frg6nf-1226452124821>

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