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Superstorm Sandy: State-by-state snapshot [1]

Why is Sandy unusual? [2]

Election 2012 -- **Poll: Neither has edge in early voting** [3]

Election 2012 -- **Control of Senate may hinge on Ohio race** [4]

Cincinati -- Xavier University, a Catholic college, that drew criticism when it announced plans to halt birth-control insurance coverage **is still offering it, the school confirmed Monday.** [5]

Baltimore pastor speaks his mind in homily on same-sex marriage [6]

GREEN BAY, Wis. -- **A bishop is in hot water after making some harsh comments about the fate of your soul** [7] if you don't vote for a certain candidate.

Bishops urge parishes to be more Catholic by acting globally [8]a little-known but very important document of the U.S. bishops

First woman in Canada to be ordained as a Roman Catholic priest: **it is time for the clergy to abandon its rigid exclusion of women from the priestly ranks and usher in a new era of inclusively.** [9] Call comes as Vancouver church is appealing to Catholics that have abandoned their faith with a series of television ads set to air on the mainland and Vancouver Island.

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: **celebrationpublications.org/dailybread**. [10]You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

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