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# Morning Briefing

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Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana: **Pope hopeful blames gay priests for abuse** [1]

Cardinal Roger Mahony: **Group wants cardinal banned from conclave** [2]

**Vatican's top ex-cop on abuse: Mahony must 'decide in conscience'** [3]

**Pope Benedict's seven last minute moves** [4]

In picking the next pope, Catholic population doesn?t equal power. **The power in the College of Cardinals is decidedly European.** [5]

Mumbai Cardinal Oswald Gracias, President of Catholic Bishops? Conference of India, declares: **On Feb. 22, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, "every Christian institution, convent and monastery" will dedicate an hour of adoration praying for the pope** [6]

Jonah 3:1-10 **They proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.** [7]

**Ireland addresses women of Magdalene Laundries** [8] Prime minister apologizes, vows compensation

Dr Evelyn Livingston Billings: **Pioneer of natural fertility planning has died** [9]

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Pencil Preaching
Sketching open the Word each day

[14]Looking for an a little inspiration to begin your day? NCR's sister publication, Celebration, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

**Pencil Preaching** **[14]** is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**Daily Bread** [7] is a series short reflections, written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. Daily Bread is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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