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Morning Briefing

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The Christian Brothers and the Christian Brothers of Ireland, Inc., **to pay \$16.5 million to more than 400 claiming sex abuse**

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National Council of the Boy Scouts of America voted to include openly gay boys and young men.

- **Some fear this will result in "injection of hypersexuality and gay activism into a youth organization." It won't.**
- **Boy Scouts march half-step forward**

- **Boy Scouts' historic vote won't end the debate**

Baltimore: **Changes in store for city homeless shelter under Catholic Charities**

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China: The top official of China's state-sanctioned Catholic church said he was **encouraged by Pope Francis' attempt to reach out to China's faithful** during a prayer this week.

Salina, Kansas -- **Catholics, like farmers, must be industrious, bishop says at gathering**, marking Rural Life Day.



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 is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread 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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