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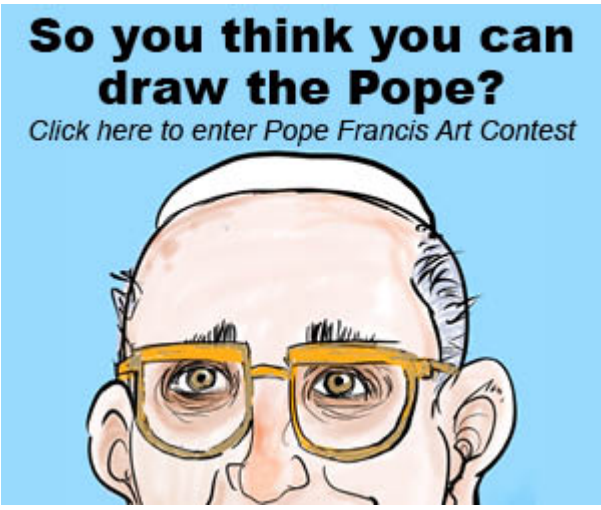

[1]Religion News Service is hosting a "**Pope Francis Art Contest** [2]." All *NCR* artists should enter.

United Nations: **Vatican to be pressed for confidential records on clerical child sex abuse** [3]. The Geneva-based Committee on the Rights of the Child has sent Vatican a detailed "list of issues." Testimony to be taken early next year.

Dublin -- A former priest **who was on the run in Brazil for almost a decade** [4]has been jailed for 10 years for abusing 18 boys during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

The Global Corruption Barometer 2013 paints a bleak picture: **Bribery & Corruption Worsening Worldwide, Survey Shows** [5]

Mifflintown, Pa. -- **Parish volunteer bookkeeper in court on theft charges.** [6]Allegedly took $248,000 since 2005.

Toowoomba, Australia -- Bishop who replaced Bishop William Morris, whom Pope Benedict removed after he suggested female and married priests might be OK, **marks one year in office.** [7]

Newcastle, Australia -- **NSW inquiry hears church worker fired for supporting his abused son** [8]

Catholic Health Association claims HHS victory as bishops continue contraception fight [9]

For those who have lost their faith: **We need more 'theological wiggle room'** [10]

Dublin -- **Opposition predicts abortion issue will return after vote** [11]

Commentary: Ireland's Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill 2013 **is hypocritical** [12]. It doesn't protect unborn life and it demeans women.

Letters to the editor: Milwaukee archdiocese -- **Catholic church needs shift from business as usual** [13]

You may have missed this news: **Catholic monk not beheaded by Syrian rebels, friar says** [14]. The priest was brutally killed, but the video that went viral was not of his murder.

Manila, the Philippines -- A relentless Catholic church campaign to derail a birth control law in the Philippines **has entered its final phase with the Supreme Court now hearing arguments against the family planning law.** [15] Philippine bishops have battled it for more than a decade.

[16]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 **[16]** is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [17] 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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