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Morning Briefing

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Pope Francis leaves for Brazil visit **carrying his own bag** [1]

Pope Francis, who heads to Brazil today for World Youth Day, has won the hearts of millions of Roman Catholics. That may come in handy as he seeks to reform the Vatican. **Pope Francis the Unconventional** [2]

Sao Paulo, Brazil -- **Singing priests revive Catholic church in Brazil** [3]

Newark, N.J. -- **Priest who allowed accused molester to live in parish says he may have made a mistake** [4]. Fr. Thomas Iwanowski of St. Joseph Church in Oradell is being removed from St. Joseph by the archdiocese of Newark as of July 31 in the wake of a scandal

New Haven, Conn. -- A Roman Catholic priest already under investigation over a complaint of alleged child sexual abuse **has been arrested on federal firearms charges.** [5]

American believers are often pictured as redneck conservatives who support Republican causes. FALSE. **Religious caricatures undermined by data,** [6] by Fr. Tom Reese.

The Catholic Archbishop of Dublin Dr. Diarmuid Martin has hit out at the church?s lack of concern for children abused by priests. **He was responding to a just-published report which was severely critical of three previous archbishops of Dublin.** [7]

Documentary "Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the House of God," the Alex Gibney (Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room) directed film about abuses of power in the Catholic church **acquired by international distributors.** [8]

Awka, Nigeria -- **Catholic funeral rites conflict with local ritual.** [9]Priest reports threats over the controversy.

White churches uncommonly quiet after Zimmerman verdict [10]

Italian bishop recognizes Lourdes' '69th miracle' [11]

Philippines: **Bishops urge Aquino to make growth more inclusive** [12]

Diocese of Trenton Bishop David M. O'Connell **calls for justice for immigrants** [13]

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 [15] 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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