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# Morning Briefing

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**Ireland OKs abortion in some cases in blow to Catholic church** [1]

**Even more responses to the pope's statement on gay people** [2]

After five months of his papacy and a raucous, exciting, even nail-biting week coursing through throngs in Rio, the pope made clear that orderliness is not his calling card. **The pope has faith in the people** [3], says Orlando R. Barone.

**Widowed Michigan priest has rare background, support from Catholic parishioners** [4] -- 88-year-old was married 44 years before ordination. He's got six grandkids.

Manila, Philippines -- The Catholic church **should take as a challenge the statement of Pope Francis that it is not his place to judge gays** [5], a Filipino priest said Wednesday.

In word and deed during his trip to Brazil, Pope Francis put clergy and faithful alike on notice: Get energized, go out and spread the Gospel, give the Roman Catholic church a more active role in society: **Clergy, faithful digest Francis' Brazil message** [6]

Pope Francis is pleasing New Hampshire Catholics **in style and substance.** [7]

Pope's comments on gay members and women **reflect beliefs of Mississippi Catholics** [8].

Portsmouth, Scotland -- The legalization of same-sex marriage **has left English Catholics in a ?strange land? filled with ?unfamiliar customs,?** [9]the bishop of Portsmouth has said.

**Bosnian war victims find solace in CRS project** [10]

Scotland's churches' stand against Trident subs finds support: **We should follow example of Ukraine and be nuclear free** [11]

Glenwood, Minn. -- A Women Caring for the Land meeting **will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glenwood.** [12]There is no charge for the meeting and lunch will be served.

**Andrew Hamilton compares Benedict and Francis.** [13] Benedict sees church as a treasury of all that is good and beautiful and invites people inside. Francis sees the church as a health clinic from which believers take life giving medicine to dispense to the world's suffering.

**Monogamy May Have Evolved to Prevent Infanticide** [14]

**Syria's president is all smiles on his new Instagram account** [15]

The latest on **The Mystery of Bee Colony Collapse** [16]

[17]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** **[17]** is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**Daily Bread** [18] 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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