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Syria: **Putin Does Not Rule Out UN-Backed Syria Strike with Evidence** [1]

Putin: **I can work with Obama** [2]

Syria: **Kerry and Hagel press for strikes in effort to convince Senate skeptics** [3]

Kerry: **'Physical evidence' Assad behind chemical attack** [4]

Pope Francis calls for prayer and fasting for peace in Syria [5]

Manila, Philippines -- Local parishes will hold Masses and prayer services on Saturday **in line with the Pope?s call for a day of prayer and fasting for Syria** [6], Catholic church officials said.

Manchester, New Hampshire -- The bishop of New Hampshire's Roman Catholic diocese **is asking parishioners to join Pope Francis on Saturday by fasting and gathering for prayer for peace in Syria.** [7]

Editorial: Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier (Iowa): **Deal helps foster healing** [8] -- Dubuque archdiocese announces clergy sex abuse settlement

Dublin -- **Religious orders still refusing to contribute to redress scheme** [9]

NCR editor at large Tom Roberts reported from Guatemala in the 1980s. This summer he returned. Read Part One of his account of the journey: **In confronting a violent past, Guatemalans find miracles in present** [10]

Also by Roberts: **Missioner came of age in Guatemala** [11]

Gallup, N.M. -- **Gallup diocese to file bankruptcy this month to cope with mounting costs of litigation arising from claims of child sexual abuse by members of its clergy** [12], the church confirmed Tuesday.

California -- **State's Catholic bishops offer help in resolving prison hunger strike** [13] which is approaching its 60th day

Dublin -- **Irish priest questions nuncio's qualifications to appoint bishops.** [14]Almost a third of nation's bishops replaced in the last few months.

Lexington, Neb. -- **Nebraska bishops will pull out all the stops on immigration** [15]

Study: **Older women living longer but gap between rich, poor countries growing** [16]

Pencil Preaching
Sketching open the Word each day

[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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