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G-20 Leaders Remain Divided Over Syria [1]

Obama, Syria, and Congress: Why Did He Go There? [2] Here's one explanation.

Syrian Christians say Western attack could make things worse [3]

Obama Orders Military to Expand Syrian Targets [4]

Looking for a place to join Francis day of prayer for peace? See: **Local prayer events for peace in Syria** [5]. If you know of a celebration that is not listed, added it in the comments section or send an email to **cdunne@ncronline.org** **[6]**.

You have until Sunday to vote in Religion News Service's **Pope Francis Art Contest.** [7] NCR's resident cartoonist, Pat Marrin, is among the 45 entries. That's FYI only, not an endorsement. ;-) The cartoon at right is not Marrin's.

Vatican's new secretary sparks high hopes in China [8] -- Parolin's China experience may bring great rewards.

The Dominican Catholic Church in shock by scandals of pederasty [9]

UN names charity day in honor of Blessed Teresa [10]-- International Day of Charity to be on her anniversary, Sept. 5.

Vinh City, Vietnam -- **Dozens injured in crackdown on Vietnam Catholics** [11]

Dalga, Egypt -- **Islamist takeover of town in Egypt leaves Christians in fear** [12]

Springfield, Ill. -- **Catholics Back Comprehensive Immigration Reform** [13]

Hallowell, Maine -- **All signs point to the city's only Catholic church closing before October's end, and though no final decision has been made, its parishioners are bracing for the end of an era.** [14]

Stevens Point, Wis. -- **City trying to save historic convent that local Catholic parish wants to demolish** [15]

[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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