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Morning Briefing

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Syria chemical weapons plan poses unprecedented challenge [1]

Fukushima Watch: **Tepco Drains Water During Typhoon** [2], said the radiation levels of the water were within national safety limits.

Jerome R. Corsi asks: **No joke this time: Is the pope Catholic?** [3]Pope Francis has many Catholics wondering if the Catholic church will survive his papacy.

Flannery O'Connor's prayer journal: **When Things That Someday Converged First Arose** [4]

'You can't survive on $7.35' [5]

Albany, N.Y. -- **Group ordains female Catholic priest** [6]. "I'm hoping that I'm breaking the stain glass ceiling absolutely."

Meet Father Dad: **How married priests would change the Catholic church** [7]

Commentary: **Catholic priest: Why celibacy is right for me** [8] by Jesuit Fr. Kevin O?Brien

Commentary: **A Catholic Case Against MOOCs** [9] -- MOOCs = Massive Open Online Courses (free online courses)

Minneapolis-St. Paul archbishop blames Satan for **?Sodomy, abortion, contraception, pornography, the redefinition of marriage and the denial of objective truth are just some of the forces threatening the stability of our civilization."** [10]

Orange, Calif. -- **Changing faiths at the Crystal Cathedral** [11] -- "Catholic on the inside, but kind of Protestant on the outside."

Scotland -- What do you do when your time as a prelate ends not in honorable retirement but in disgrace? **How can Cardinal Keith O?Brien repair the damage he has caused?** [12]

Drogheda, Ireland -- **Popular priest slams right-wing church, supports dissident Fr Tony Flannery** [13] -- Delivers homily and then departs parish for a sabbatical at the request of his superiors.

Voyager 1 Radio Glow Glimmers in an Interstellar Ocean [14]

Pencil Preaching
Sketching open the Word each day

[15]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 **[15]** is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [16] 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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