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Morning Briefing

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Pope sets date for John Paul II and John XXIII sainthood [1]

5 things to know today about the government shutdown [2] (Text and video)

Former Lafayette lawyer rises from the ashes of the Gilbert Gauthe case [3]

Trenton, N.J. -- **N.J. priest in sexting sting thought he was talking to 16-year-old boy, wanted to meet** [4]

Commentary: **The shame of the Catholic workplace** [5] by Jim Smith

Commentary: **I?m Still Not Going Back to the Catholic Church** [6] -- Pope Francis only confirms my decision to leave. By Rod Dreher

History was made Sunday in the archdiocese of Armagh when the Primate of All Ireland **ordained the first five Catholics to become permanent deacons in the ancient see of St Patrick.** [7]

Commentary: **Pope Francis should give us a break from this flurry of papal saints** [8]

Columbus, Ga. -- **Blessing of the Animals at St. Anne Catholic Church** [9]. This is just one of scores of announcements being made in anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis Oct. 4.

Another thing to consider ahead of Oct. 4: Take the **The St. Francis Pledge** [10] sponsored by the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Evansville, Ind. -- **First Phase Of Strategic Plan Combines 24 Catholic Parishes Into 10** [11]

Polish church apologizes for child sex abuse as **Polish prosecutors say they will open cases of two Polish nationals -- a priest and a former Vatican nunico -- face child sexual abuse allegations in the Dominican Republic** [12]

Press release: The Knights of Columbus will donate $100,000 to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish in Newtown, Conn., **to support ongoing parish programs related to last December's elementary school shooting.** [13]

Catholic reform group FutureChurch marks Vatican II [14]. Deborah Rose-Milavec takes the reins from Sr. Christine Schenk.

Philippine teens reach for interfaith harmony through music [15]

Manila, Philippines ?- **Cebu faithful urged to join protest against pork barrel spending** [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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