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The latest from *NCR* cartoonist Pat Marrin: **Francis, the comic strip** [1]. See more of Marrin's comics on **The Francis Chronicles** [2]blog.

Sr. Chris Schenk retires from FutureChurch after two decades [3]

Coal companies, union reach agreement on health benefits for retired miners [4]

Obama, GOP Open Talks Over Temporary Debt Fix [5]

Limerick, Ireland -- **Parents, students face dilemma: attend pop concert or first Communion?** [6]

Legionaries of Christ may have buyer for its 265-acre New York HQ. [7]

Sutter County, Calif. --**A Catholic priest takes stand to defend himself against charges of misdemeanor counts of sexual battery and child molestation of a 16-year-old** [8]

Montgomery, Ala. -- **Parent suing for tax credits to send daughter to Catholic school worked for Republican official.** [9]

St. Paul-Minneapolis: **Demands grow to see secret lists of Minn. priests accused of abuse** [10]

Freiburg, Germany -- **The Vatican pledged on Thursday to take action against a German diocese which gives out Holy Communion to Catholic divorcees who have re-married.** [11] "When you are offside in a football game, the referee blows the whistle."

Press release: **California Catholic Conference releases statement on laws relaxing standards for abortion providers** [12]

[13]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 [13] is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [14] 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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