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Synod on Family: Queensland, Australia, bishops sending questionnaire to parishes this weekend. **"This [distribution of the questionnaire] is unprecedented, but it is typical of the new Pope,"** [1]says Bishop Michael Putney. (audio of interview available.)

Synod on the Family: Commentary -- **Synod document worries over "forms of feminism hostile to the Church."** [2] Why isn't male chauvinism worrisome? Phyllis Zagano wonders.

Catholic church slams Israel razing of its property [3]

St. Paull, Minn. -- The Minnesota Supreme Court has denied a new trial to a Roman Catholic priest convicted **of third-degree criminal conduct for having sexual relations with an adult female parishioner he was counseling.** [4]

Colorful questions, but few easy answers, as US Supreme Court wrestles with prayer [5]

Illinois House approves gay marriage [6]. At least two Catholic lawmakers, including speaker, used Pope Francis' words to articulate support for the bill.

Collection for US military archdiocese in many parishes this weekend. Commentary -- **Bishops' support for wars underpins collection for military archdiocese** [7]

Second priest accused of sex abuse in Ayacucho, Peru [8]

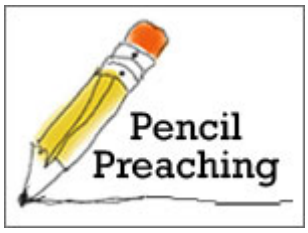
Vatican City -- **Legionaries of Christ general counselor resigns** [9]because he did not have the necessary energy to confront the challenges of the position.

Peoria, Ill. -- **Cardinal Raymond Burke addresses Peoria priests assembly.** [10]He says devotions to the Sacred Heart, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and, most importantly, eucharistic devotion help keep the lives of Catholics centered on Christ and the life of the church.

Detroit archdiocese asks Catholics, both faithful and lapsed: **How effective is your parish?** [11]

If you read this story -- **John Paul's secretary says it was mistake to meet Legionary founder** [12] -- you have to read this one, too: **Cardinal Dziwisz on Maciel: A very limited history** [13]

Halton, Canada -- **Catholic school board reverses itself; will allow HPV vaccinations on school property** [14]



[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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