

Morning Briefing

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NCR offers readers Advent Reflections: [O Harbor of our Hearts](#) [1]

[Cardinal Dolan says Catholic Church 'caricatured as anti-gay'](#) [2] Says church was out marketed and that he's ready for gay marriage battles

ZAGREB -- [Croats reject same-sex marriage](#) [3]

Illinois churches discuss wedding plans: [Will same-sex marriages be allowed in churches](#) [4]

Australia -- The royal commission on sex abuse, which has been holding public hearings since September, [will open a two-week inquiry in Sydney into the Catholic Church's Towards Healing process](#) [5] adopted by the church to respond internally to sex-abuse allegations.

Australia -- The Broken Bay Diocese of the Catholic Church has donated \$20,000 towards the cost of producing [a 30-minute drama which tackles sexual abuse in the Church](#). [6] "A Priest in the Family" is based on a short story by Irish writer Colm Tóibín

Veracruz -- [Parish priest, vicar murdered in Mexico](#) [7]

Michoacan -- [Mexican bishop takes on cultish cartel in drug war battleground state](#) [8]

Buffalo, N.Y. -- [Parishes celebrate six years since reprieve kept churches slated for closure open](#). [9]

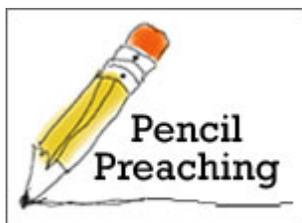
Glasgow, Scotland -- [Catholic parishes ?could close or be amalgamated?](#) [10]

Zambia -- [Defense Minister Geoffrey Mwamba donates K50,000 to small Christian communities of cathedral parish](#). [11] He says Small Christian communities are the pillars of the Catholic church.

Commentary: Nine months into his papacy, the pontiff has made clear his aim to [restore the church's original evangelical passion](#). [12] By George Weigel

[First-ever woman bishop in Ireland or Britain ordained by Church of Ireland](#) [13]

Newly Elected Head of U.S. Catholic Bishops Will Confront a Rapidly Changing Church [Archbishop Joseph Kurtz Takes Traditional Line on Hot-Button Issues](#) [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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