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Berlin film festival: **Racy von Trier film, film on radical Catholics, paired in Berlin** [7] -- German-made "Kreuzweg" (Stations of the Cross) is about a Catholic family bringing up their daughter in a strict religious environment

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Catholics unite on campuses across Canada for ?Proclaim Integrity with Justice Weekend." [9]

Ireland: Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin says **The teaching of the church could be used "in a homophobic way."** [10]The church has to be very careful that this was not done in the forthcoming debate on the same-sex referendum.

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[16]Looking for 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[16] is a blog in which*Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.

Daily Bread[17] is a series of 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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