

Morning Briefing

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A Missouri inmate was executed early today [marking the state's fourth lethal injection in as many months](#) [1] despite controversy [around the drugs used in the execution](#) [2].

Francis to families: [Give prayer, help to October synod](#) [3]

NCR's Dan Morris-Young takes a close look at [Bend, Oregon, pastor whose bishop removed him from his parish](#) [4] A multi-part series running all week.

BUTTE, Mont. -- [21,000 sign petition to urge bishop to rehire pregnant teacher](#) [5]

One View: [Lay people should help pick bishops](#) [6] "Some will say this leaves the episcopal office open to campaigning. ... Reality alert: Priests already do campaign to become bishops; the laity just do not know about it. ... Wouldn't it be better if this were all out in the open?"

NCR's Joshua McElwee is [filing stories from Rome](#) [7]. See the full list of sories.

If you didn't watch the PBS Frontline documentary "[Secrets of the Vatican,](#)" [8] you missed a five-out-of-five=stars show. You can still view it on line. There is more detail, analysis and commentary on the Frontline website, [What's the State of the Church's Child Abuse Crisis?](#) [9]. Included is an essay by NCR's own Tom Fox: [A Pontificate Fit for the Times](#) [10], as well other names NCR readers will recognize. (Scroll down the page)

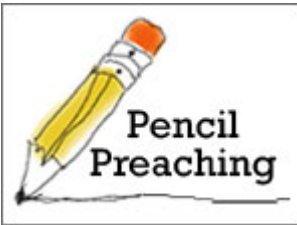
CHARLESTON, W.Va. ? [Bishop backs bill that would ban abortions after 20 weeks](#) [11]

[Of rectories, the Catholic Church and the ?bling? watch](#) [12]

The Vatican's new finance czar: [Colleagues cheer George Pell as abuse critics see red](#) [13]

[The Sydney Morning Herald handicaps front runners to replace Pell](#) [14] (Check the photos!)

Pastor Rick Warren's new mental health ministry: [A year after his son's suicide, popular evangelical pastor takes on a new ministry.](#) [15]



[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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