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Morning Briefing

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Will you be attending Ash Wednesday services? If so, share with us a "selfie" of you and your ashes on Twitter using the hashtag **#MyAshes**. Then look for yours and others on our Twitter page, @NCRonline, as we retweet the photos throughout the day.

This may be the most important story NCRonline.org publishes this week: **Francis convenes religious institute treasurers for summit on use of money** [1]

Did anyone note the irony that we also posted this story yesterday: **Staten Islanders continue fight over Jesuit retreat house** [2] sold to developer.

St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese -- **Priest abuse cases 'just the beginning,' Ramsey County** [3]

Helena, Montana -- **Catholic church will name 50+ priests who abused 100s of children in state** [4]

Helena, Montana -- **The Ursuline Sisters of the Western Province were not part of the settlement in these Montatna cases** [5]

The Traditionalist blogosphere is abuzz, again, with the story of the latest ?injustice? done to Catholics who are devoted to Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. **Bishop of Fort Worth draws the line** [6]

Cardinal Walter Kasper **calls for more women into Catholic church hierarchy** [7] "I think women should be present at all levels, even in positions of full responsibility."

Commentary: **Archbishop Myers' luxury addition must be the last straw** [8]

St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish, Springfield, Va. -- **Virginia priest who ousted Cub Scouts over gays kept the popcorn money** [9]

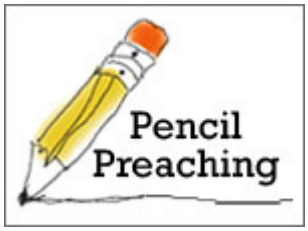
The passion of priesthood: **Why priests need to demonstrate joy** [10]

SCOTUS case doesn't (directly) address religious liberty; it's presented as a freedom of artistic expression case: **Elane Photography v. Willock** [11]

ALBURQUERQUE, Bohol, Philippines -- **93-year-old prelate recalls his run for public office** [12] Beginning in the 1970s, he was a member of the provincial board, an elected office he held for 12 years.

NCR's Jamie Manson blogged about this yesterday. I wanted to make sure you saw it: **A nun's secret ministry brings hope to the transgender community** [13]

Defies Methodist regulations: **Dallas pastor conducts same-sex service** [14]



[15]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 [15] is blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.

Daily Bread [16] 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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