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Morning Briefing

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Vatican office calls on religious sisters, priests to **live poorly and reject capitalism** **[1]**.

Family synod: **Some US dioceses report results of questionnaire**[2]

Priest's role in telemed abortion ban challenged **[3]** -- Planned Parenthood said he sent anti-abortion files to the Board of Medicine.

An open letter to Paul Ryan about poverty, empathy. **Changing the conversation about inequality starts with compassion** **[4]**.

Another open letter: **Rand Paul: Stop warping Reagan's foreign policy** **[5]**.

Catholic chastity seminar **[6]** encourages gays not to act on their feelings.

Central African Republic: **United Nations starts investigation** **[7]** into "reports of genocide."

Syria: **Kidnapped nuns thank negotiators** **[8]** after being freed. The nuns said they were well-treated by al-Qaida-affiliated kidnappers.

Orthodox patriarchs urge peace in Ukraine **[9]**, agree to hold first summit of bishops in 1,200 years.

India: **Communists, Catholic forge electoral alliance** **[10]**. The Communist Party throws its support behind five Christian candidates in national election.

As a response to the March 2011 earthquake and nuclear disaster in Fukushima, Japan, a **Catholic organization helps farmers** **[11]**.

Pope Francis to go to **South Korea in August** **[12]** for Youth Fest.

Commentary: **How to really measure the "Francis effect."**[13]

Opinion: **Pope Francis can't be the savior** **[14]** of the Catholic church.

NYT editorial: **What it means to be Catholic now.**[15]

Feminism in faith: **Sr. Elizabeth Johnson's challenge to the Vatican** **[16]** by our own Jamie Manson.

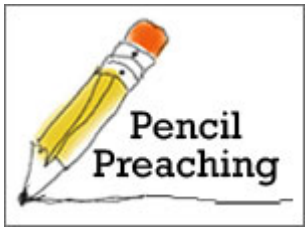
Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck **[17]**, once the oldest serving priest in the United States, dies at age 102.

Kentucky: **Priest defends the guest speaker** **[18]** for church fundraiser, none other than the sometimes-controversial Paula Deen.

Colleges should teach religion to their students **[19]** -- When the students feel adrift, some spiritual guidance might help.

Christians are horrible tippers and**this pastor is doing something** **[20]** about it.

Forty days in an orange jumpsuit **[21]**: Pastor wears prison garb for Lent.



[22]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 [22] is a blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.

Daily Bread [23] 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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