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Scotland -- An independent review into the Catholic church's safeguarding and handling of abuse **is to speak to victims in an attempt to create a policy of "no abuse and no cover-up."** [1]

Scotland -- **Sex abuse inquiry panel has on it a friend of disgraced Cardinal O?Brien** [2] -- Bishop Robson was a friend of Cardinal O?Brien?s for 40 years and consecrated by him as auxiliary bishop of Edinburgh in May 2012.

St. Paul-Minneapolis -- **Archdiocese must yield info on 'credibly accused' priests** [3]

Kansas -- **House bill would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity** [4]

An Illinois parish shows why Pope Francis can?t fix the Catholic church by himself [5]

San Francisco -- **Women complete all-city Catholic church pilgrimage** [6]

Irish bishops reverse course and speak out: **Vatican synod questionnaire reveals challenges families face** [7]

Behind the numbers: **Religious 'nones' may not be who you think they are** [8]

Lent isn?t the only time for fish fries [9]

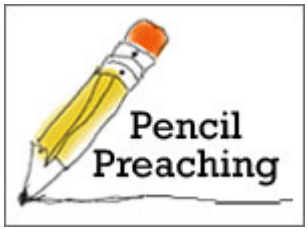
Argentina -- **Politicians Latch On To Homegrown Pope** [10]

India -- **Candidates make a beeline for religious, social leaders** [11] -- Christian bishops, especially Catholics, are a much-sought-after lot.

EPA energy-savings competition open to churches [12]

Philippines -- **Bishops 'to blame' for Filipino teen pregnancy boom** [13]

Ohio -- **Civil registry of clergy sex abusers has never been used** [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 a 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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