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Morning Briefing

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Synod on the family: **Canadian synod results private, but bishops indicate 'good read' of situation** [1]

Washington -- **Supreme Court arguments, protests on contraception reveal sharp divides** [2]

Washington -- **Supreme Court takes up Hobby Lobby's challenge to the contraception mandate** [3]

Washington -- **Priests for Life rallying at Supreme Court Tuesday on Obamacare contraceptive mandate** [4] -- I wouldn't mind their protesting if their arguments weren't so ludicrous. "Obamacare is a bailout for the abortion industry." What does that even mean?

Michael Sean Winters focuses on the other case before the Supreme Court: **Debts & Doubts at the Supreme Court** [5]

Clinton, Iowa -- **Franciscan Sisters of Clinton named "Business Leader" of the year** [6] in the 41st annual presentation of the YWCA Woman of Achievement awards. The citation reads: "They are very clearly 'messengers of peace' in today's world, committed to bringing about positive change in society, working to be the voice for those who have no voice."

Ukrainian Catholic priests flee Crimea after Russian takeover [7]

Berlin -- **Pope Accepts Resignation of High-Spending German Bishop** [8] -- "Bishop of bling" gets the boot.

Milwaukee -- **Survivors, supporters voice concerns over Milwaukee's bankruptcy plan** [9]

Saginaw, Mich. -- A Mass of remembrance will be celebrated at noon Thursday, **the tenth anniversary of the death of Bishop Ken Untener** [10], fourth bishop of Saginaw.

German bishops have launched a second attempt to investigate clerical sex abuse allegations after the original effort collapsed last year. **German bishops give it a second try.** [11] Researchers walked away from the project in January 2013, alleging the Catholic church was trying to influence their research and censor their findings, claims the church denied.

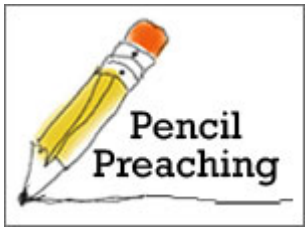
Vatican City -- An Italian bishop known for his hard stance against the mafia was chosen by Pope Francis **to write the meditations for the ?Way of the Cross? on Good Friday.** [12]

McCool Junction, Neb. -- **TV chef and priest Father Leo Patalinghug helps Catholic summer camp raise funds** [13]

My new Twitter follower @ClaraDorfman alerted me to this story: The Japanese architect Shigeru Ban was named the winner of this year?s Pritzker Architecture Prize, the discipline?s top award, largely because **of his work designing shelters after natural disasters in places like Rwanda, Turkey, India, China, Haiti and Japan,**

[14] using materials like paper tubes and plastic beer crates.

Press release: In the documentary "Holy Money," Al Jazeera America **examines the finances of the Catholic church.** [15] Led by University College London Historian John Dickie, ?Holy Money? explores how today?s pope is not only the shepherd of a billion faithful -- he is also the head of a business empire. Airs in U.S. March 30 at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT



[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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