

Morning Briefing

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The Philadelphia archdiocese is [moving toward fiscal stability](#) [1], starting with public, audited financial statements.

[Anglican, Catholic theologians meet for informal dialogue](#) [2] under the theme of "Memory, Identity and Difference."

[Supreme Court denies free speech, gay marriage case](#) [3] -- The court's refusal to intervene means the current decision against the New Mexico photography company remains intact.

The [face of gay marriage in Utah](#) [4] is an unlikely pair. Over the last three months, the couple have become superstars in the gay marriage movement.

More on gay marriage: [Some hear the echoes of race discrimination](#) [5] in Virginia with the gay marriage ban.

Opinion: [Mozilla's gay marriage litmus test violates liberal values](#) [6].

Gunman [kills a Dutch priest in the Syrian city of Homs](#) [7]. The death of Jesuit Fr. Francis van der Lugt underscores fears in Syria among Christian and Muslim minorities.

St. Paul, Minn.: A sex crime conviction of a priest [has been reversed and sent back to a lower court for a retrial](#) [8].

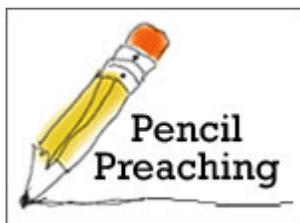
Gallup on Obamacare: Another sign that [the Affordable Care Act is working](#) [9]. Gallup surveys that the percentage of Americans without insurance is the lowest since 2008.

Catholic church, faithful are [seeing confession in a whole new light](#) [10]. In New Jersey, there is a push to draw parishioners back to confession.

Springfield, Ill., bishop Thomas Paprocki has upheld a decision to [deny Communion to Sen. Dick Durbin](#) [11] because of his pro-choice stance.

[Gay couple's baby baptized](#) [12] by Argentine priest. The baby's godmother is the country's president.

An Irish priest says [he might have to leave his parochial house](#) [13] because drunken teenagers torment him nightly.



[14]Looking for a little inspiration to begin your day? *NCR's* sister publication,

, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

Pencil Preaching [14] is a blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.



Daily Bread [15] 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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