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Morning Briefing

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The Affordable Care Act: **Health insurers got their first taste of Obamacare this year. And they want seconds.**

A Kansas City, Mo., police detective was honored Wednesday for her work to protect children, **most notably in the case of a Kansas City priest now serving a prison sentence for child pornography.** Speaking at awards ceremony, deputy U.S. attorney castigated diocese.

Pope Francis' Inclusive Foot Washings Of Women And Lay People Upset Religious Traditionalists

Jesuit death row chaplain: **Ministry where no one wants to go**

Jimmy Carter on 'Interfaith Voices'-- Sr. Maureen Fiedler asks former president if he'd take his campaign for women's rights in religion to the Vatican. Listen to Carter answer.

Did you know that the Wednesday of Holy Week is called **?Spy Wednesday? in many parts of the English-speaking world?** I did not. The Gospel reading of the day recounts Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

United Kingdom: 42 Anglican bishops and more than 600 clerics and ministers have signed an open letter **demanding that politicians act to stop people going hungry in the UK** In Nottinghamshire, the Rev. Dr. Keith Hebden fasted for 40 days from Ash Wednesday to back End Hunger Fast.

German Court Upholds Conviction of Holocaust-Denying Bishop Lefeverite Bishop Richard Williamson to pay a fine.

On Sunday, Archbishop John J. Myers received a 22,000-signature petition calling for sale of his

retirement home. His response so far: **Silence.**

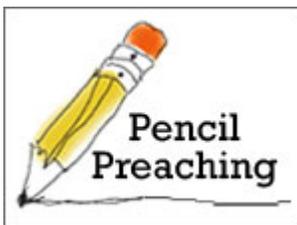
Davo City, the Philippines -- Catholic and Protestant bishops are urging President Aquino to capitalize on his recent peace pact with Moro guerrillas and **make peace with the leftist National Democratic Front, which includes the Communist Party of the Philippines.**

Not a bad interview with actor Pierce Brosnan: **"I have a strong faith, being Catholic Irish."**

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Not a bad Holy Thursday pastoral message from *Vanity Fair*: **The Impossible Interview: Kanye West Speaks With Pope Francis**

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam -- **Vietnam church expands facilities for increasing priestly formation needs**



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

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



Daily Bread 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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