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## Morning Briefing

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NCR Today

Updates this morning: **Pope's call to woman raises questions on divorced and remarried** -- The Vatican has confirmed the phone call.

### **NCR launches Global Sisters Report**

The canonizations: **John XXIII: The accidental saint** -- *NCR's* complete canonization coverage is collected here: **Papal canonizations**

One view: **Must the Catholic church dehumanize John Paul II to make him a saint?** Sadly, the process of canonization seems to require stripping the former pope of his personality, to fit the sterile mold of a saint.

Troy, Mich. -- **Pastor, parish manager indicted; allegedly embezzled \$700,000 in parish money.**

New Hampshire, Louisiana, Colorado and Michigan -- **Four new Americans for Prosperity ads take on Obamacare**

**A year after Arizona approved Medicaid expansion, Gov. Brewer still fighting for it**

*NCR's* Michael Sean Winters calls out anti-ACA inconsistencies: **Nat'l Cath Register Attacks Sr. Carol Keehan**

Oklahoma: **Execution Case Roils Oklahoma Courts** -- Attorney general calls questions about lethal injection drugs a diversionary tactic by the condemned men.

No roiling in Missouri, where lethal injection drugs have also been questioned: **Missouri executes inmate for 1993 farm slaying**

Commentary: **Visit your bishop** by Phyllis Zagano

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**Louisiana ministers push for limit on payday loans**

St. Paul-Minneapolis -- **Former Vicar General's Deposition to be Released**

Oklahoma City -- **Gov. Fallin signs bill restricting use of abortion drugs**

Maureen Dowd's column about the canonization of John Paul II generated a lot of interest (I had at least three people forward it me and more mention it.): **A Saint, He Ain't** -- She quotes Ken Briggs and Jason Berry, both familiar names to *NCR* readers. (You may run into a pay wall.)

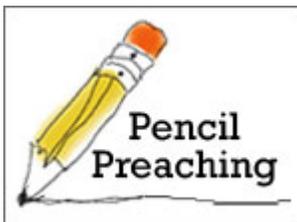
Spirituality on screen: **Religious movies can stretch, strengthen faith**

Korea's Catholic church continues to grow: **Now number 10.4% of the population**

Atlanta -- **Lawsuit challenges Georgia's same-sex marriage ban**

**Judge won't rule in Oregon gay marriage case until at least May 14 while he decides on intervenor**

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

**Pencil Preaching** is a 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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