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Morning Briefing

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Over at Commonweal, Mollie Wilson O'Reilly asks: Is it possible that this awkward, drawn-out conversation between the LCWR and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith **is just the kind of encounter the church needs?** [1]

Afghanistan: **No news yet of abducted Indian Jesuit** [2]. Indian Ambassador Amar Sinha is in touch with the Afghan government in Kabul.

Michael Novak: **Scholar Who Taught John Paul II To Appreciate Capitalism Worries About Pope Francis** [3]

Wonder if he knew about this conference at Catholic University of America yesterday: **Cardinal staunchly defends pope?s critiques of capitalism** [4]

Democrats embrace Medicaid expansion on trail [5]

Judge's Catholic faith under scrutiny in Milwaukee archdiocese case [6]

Next Week's USCCB Mtg & the Future of "Faithful Citizenship" [7]

Catholic college president says: **End campus shootings by changing public opinion, school leader says** [8]

Did you see this story? It's one you don't want to miss: **Archbishop warns of 'balkanization' in US church** [9] "What I've seen is how disruptive Pope Francis has been within the hierarchy of the United States."

Historian finds evidence of **796 Irish orphans buried in mass grave near Catholic orphanage** [10]

New South Wales, Australia -- **Catholic Church under fire over its weak response to revelations officials failed to act against Hunter Valley paedophiles** [11]

Boehner?s Got a Catholic Problem on Immigration Reform [12] Catholic leaders are calling on House Speaker John Boehner to act swiftly on immigration reform

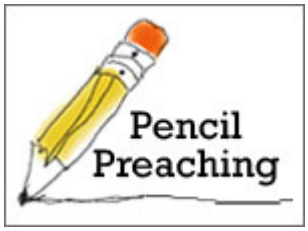
Archbishop Thomas Wenski's pointed words for lawmakers: **?Our immigration system is a stain on the soul of our nation** [12]

Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces parish closures, mergers [13] 16 parishes will be merged with 13 other parishes.
Reactions to the news: **Parishes targeted for closure plot their next moves** [14] Bucks County church buildings **to remain open as worship sites** [15]

Professor: **Chinese Oil Rig Set Vietnam On a New Direction** [16] The tone of political discussions in Vietnam

today is truly unprecedented ... the possibility of major changes [regarding] Vietnam?s strategic outlook and its policies is almost certain.

Have you been reading NCR's new website devoted to covering the mission and ministry of Catholic women religious? Check it (daily) at **Global Sisters Report** [17]. Here's a great example of the work of GSR: **Religious make efforts to bring awareness to World Cup trafficking** [18] by Colleen Dunne.



[19]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 [19] is blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.

Daily Bread [20] 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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