Morning Briefing

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draw_francis.jpg [1]You have less than a week to enter Religion News Service's "**Pope Francis Art Contest** [2]." Enter today.

Britain to Press UN Members to Authorize Action in Syria [3]

A Syrian Chaldean Catholic bishop yesterday warned that armed intervention in Syria could unleash a "world war." [4]

"This attack being planned by the United States is a criminal act, which will only reap more victims, in addition to the tens of thousands of these two years of war. This will destroy the Arab world's trust in the West," **says Gregory III Laham, Patriarch of Antioch of the East, of Alexandria and Jerusalem of the Melkites.** [5]

Washington state leaders create wish list for comprehensive immigration reform [6]

Vatican City -- **Retired pope's secretary says 'mystical experience' story is untrue** [7]

The anniversary of the March on Washington -- **Catholic schools provide a beacon of hope to Washington families** [8]by Cardinal Donal Wuerl

Michael Sean Winters is on vacation. Read this from his stand-in: **Three options for the countercultural Catholic** [9] by Robert Christian

More than 50 abortion clinics across U.S. have closed since 2010, report shows [10]

Treasury Secretary **Lew Reiterates No Negotiations With Congress on Debt Limit** [11]

Hong Kong -- **Catholic cardinal warns of possible violence in Hong Kong over democracy protest** [12]

Sioux City, Iowa -- **Bishop mulling diocese's role in immigration reform push** [13]

Frankfurt, Germany -- **Catholics rise up against bishop's leadership** [14]

Priest-calligrapher portrayed in film about Steve Jobs [15]

Student Catholic priests numbers on the rise in Ireland [16]. Twenty enroll at national seminary, eight more than last term.

Bolzano and Brixen, Italy -- **Church told to pay 700,000 euros to compensate child sex abuse victim** [17]

Los Angeles -- **Catholic churches push Rep. Ed Royce on immigration** [18]

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Pencil Preaching [19] is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [20] is a series 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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