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Today is International Women's Day [1]

Editorial: **Celebrate South Korea on International Women's Day** [2] As the first nation to reverse a strong preference for sons over daughters ? and the sex-selective abortions that come with it ? South Korea deserves praise. Other countries, such as China and India, now have hope of ending this violence against girls.

Vatican could learn a thing or two about renewal from women religious [3]

Commentary: **Africa's answer to militant feminism** [4]by Catherine Marshall

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Study: Women?s wages are falling even further behind men?s [6]

Women Finding Their Way in German Politics [7]

Excommunicated female priest detained over Vatican protest [8]

Brazilian Cardinal Odilo Scherer: **Seen as a Political Centrist Candidate for Pope** [9]

Vietnam cardinal arrives, last 1 in for conclave [10] Discussions were "reaching a conclusion," U.S. Cardinal Roger Mahony tweeted "Setting of date for conclave nearing. Mood of excitement prevails among Cardinals," he wrote.

Pencil Preaching
Sketching open the Word each day

[11]Looking for an 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 **[11]** is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [12] 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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