

Morning Briefing

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[Syria Defense Minister Killed in Blast](#) [1]

[South Africa sings Happy Birthday to Nelson Mandela](#) [2], who turns 94 today.

As the widespread drought continues to damage grain crops across the Midwest, [consumers could soon be facing steeper bills](#) [3] at the grocery store.

Forth Worth, Texas -- [Father and son join Catholic priesthood ? together](#) [4]. Both men are both former Episcopal priests, each with a wife and children.

Discuss -- [Should priests report crimes revealed in confession to police?](#) [5]

[More Catholic churches in Greater Cleveland schedule reopening Masses](#) [6]

The China Post: [Communist, Catholic conundrum](#) [7]

Weston, Mass. -- [More than 20 Haitian nationals suing Weston priest, others in sex abuse lawsuit](#) [8], a former Fairfield University chaplain.

WARSAW -- [Catholic youth crusade against Madonna in Poland](#) [9]

A Nebraska federal judge on Tuesday [dismissed a lawsuit brought by seven states against the Obama administration's new healthcare policy](#) [10] that requires employers to provide birth-control coverage to employees.

Commentary -- [Michigan Catholic Conference could sabotage school finance reboot by linking it to vouchers](#) [11]

[French priest charged with 30-year-spiel of child sex abuse](#) [12]

On the air: [Catholic radio stations start in New Jersey](#) [13]

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