

Morning Briefing

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Syria -- The clamorous heart of Aleppo, the ancient city with its cobbled streets and mazy bazaars, fell silent on Tuesday [as residents there and across Syria?s sprawling commercial capital fled the streets and covered indoors, dreading the rat-tat-tat of machine gun fire and the echoing roar of government helicopters.](#) [1]

[Christian Bale Visits Shooting Victims](#) [2]

'Batman' Actor Attends Memorial Service

[Austria Church Mounts Billboard Search for Priests](#) [3]

Catholic Relief Services: [Funding for humanitarian aid did not violate church teaching](#) [4]

So who is the funniest Catholic in the Western world: New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan or Comedy Central?s Stephen Colbert? [we may finally get an answer to that urgent question](#) [5]when the cardinal and the comedian team up for a panel on faith and humor this September at Fordham University in the Bronx, N.Y.

[Complex Emotions Over First American Indian Saint](#) [6]

Nearly all of the ice sheet covering Greenland's surface melted over several days in July -- [something scientists have never seen before.](#) [7]

Commentary -- [Why is NCAA taking sex abuse more seriously than Catholic Church?](#) [8]

Kansas City, Mo. -- [Catholic diocese dismissed from Jackson County priest abuse suit](#) [9] Jackson County judge says she struggled with decision but was bound by recent court rulings

NYC -- [Tempers bubble up at soda-ban hearing](#) [10], board that is expected to approve a partial ban of sales of large sugary drinks.

Recent announcement that Omaha, Nebr.-based, Jesuit-run Creighton University is teaming up with St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix has prompted Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted [to re-affirm that he does not recognize St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as a Catholic hospital](#) [11]

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: celebrationpublications.org/dailybread. [12]You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

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