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## Morning Briefing

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### Election 2012 -- **Mitt Romney's Latino Support Fueled by Evangelicals**

President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney mocked themselves ? and each other, and Joe Biden, and others ? late Thursday during a joke-filled Al Smith Dinner. **The best one-liners**

### **Beirut Bombing: Casualties Reported As Car Bomb Reportedly Rocks Lebanese Capital**

### **Hospital: Shot Pakistani schoolgirl can stand, communicate**

### Chicago -- **Boy Scout files detail local sex abuse**

**A Rogue Climate Experiment Outrages Scientists**A California businessman spews 100 tons of iron dust in Pacific waters off western Canada.

### **Kateri Tekakwitha: The first Native American saint**

Boston -- **Movie on Catholic church molestation scandal gets director, screenwriter**The production companies Anonymous Content and Rocklin/Faust, which plan to make the movie based on the stories of the Boston Globe journalists who uncovered the scandal, has hired a director Tom McCarthy (a Boston College grad who costarred in ?The Wire? and has directed ?The Station Agent,? ?Win, Win,? and ?The Visitor?) and screenwriter Josh Singer .

Ireland: **People with no religions up 400%** The proportion of the population that is Catholic is at its lowest since 1961. The latest Census 2011 data released by the CSO shows that 84% of the population now identify themselves as Catholic.

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

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