

Morning Briefing

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The Australian Federal Government [has called a Royal Commission into child abuse](#) [1]. Under pressure to act following growing calls for a national inquiry into explosive allegations by a senior New South Wales police investigator that the Catholic Church covered up evidence involving paedophile priests.

Background on story above: A senior serving police officer: ["Many police are frustrated by this sinister behaviour which will continue until someone stops it."](#) [2]

Australia: Two state inquiries already underway: [Child abuse inquiry reaches wide](#) [3]

Australia: THE Catholic Church [has settled thousands of claims of child abuse outside of its internal complaints' system](#) [4], Melbourne Response, in an attempt to silence them, a victims' group says.

Australia: [Abuse Royal Commission gets former bishop's backing](#) [5]. Former Bishop for Toowoomba William Morris was once chairman of a the committee that set Catholic policy nationwide in handling abuse allegations.

The U.S. bishops meet in Baltimore this week: Commentary -- [Is there a political plan B for the bishops?](#) [6] by Tom Reese

The Bishops in Baltimore: [Catholic bishops get crash course in social media](#) [7]

Call to Action Annual Conference -- [CTA in Louisville discusses race](#) [8]

Ghana: [Catholic Bishops Raise Alarm Over Corruption](#) [9]

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: celebrationpublications.org/dailybread. [10] You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

The Association of Catholics in Ireland [New Catholic lay group sets out 'reform agenda'](#) [11]

[Oregon girls go on a 'nun run'](#) [12]

Nebraska's new bishop: [Meet the new bishop of Lincoln's Catholic Diocese: James D. Conley](#) [13]

Houston, Texas: [Catholic diocese moving ex-prisoners' transitional living center to church campus](#) [14]

Words fail us: [Parishioners respond to the new Missal a year later](#) [15]

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