

Morning Briefing

Dennis Coday | Nov. 29, 2012 NCR Today

[Tickets sold in Arizona, Missouri win Powerball jackpot](#) [1] Winners, don't forget your title! Suggestions: The annual [Friends of NCR appeal](#) [2] or give an [NCR gift subscription](#) [3].

[U.N. Agency Says 2012 Ranks Among Hottest Years](#) [4]

WHEELING, W.Va. -- Roman Catholic Bishop Michael Bransfield [is targeting child poverty in his latest pastoral letter](#). [5]

Manila, Philippines -- Some Catholic bishops sent a powerful message to their critics who are pushing the controversial reproductive health bill: [Do not underestimate us](#). [6]

Manila, Philippines -- [Church puts clout on the line with drive against reproductive health bill](#) [7]: A Catholic official said Wednesday the bishops for the first time would be urging the faithful to vote as a bloc to defeat the Reproductive Health bill that the bishops say is anti-life and the candidates favoring passing it.

Pittsburgh -- [Bishop Zubik responds to dismissal of lawsuit regarding Obamacare](#) [8]

Madrid, Spain -- [Spain's Catholic bishops urged political parties to unite against same-sex marriage, after it was confirmed as legal by the Constitutional Court](#). [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.

Editorial: Teen boy denied confirmation because of Facebook photo with pro-gay marriage sign -- [The flap in Barnesville over gay marriage is a sign of more restlessness ahead for the church](#). [11]

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. ? A nontraditional Catholic organization has [offered to confirm a Barnesville 17-year-old after he was denied confirmation](#) [12] because of his support for gay marriage.

Australia -- President of Catholic Religious Australia says [significant changes coming to the way it handles its response to the issue of sexual abuse](#) [13]

Australia -- Bishop says it was not the Catholic Church that committed or shielded any crimes [but individuals within the church](#). [14] Copy of his letter [A Church in Dismay](#). [15]

DR Congo: [International community has failed us](#) [16], says bishop

Links:

[1] <http://www.buffalonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121129/WORLD/121129197/1002>

[2]

<https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1001385&code=NetworkforGood>

[3] <http://ncronline.org/order-gift-subscription-ncr-christmas?f>

[4] http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/29/science/earth/un-agency-says-2012-ranks-among-hottest-years.html?_r=0

[5] <http://www.wtrf.com/story/20213055/wva-catholic-bishop-to-address-child-poverty>

[6] <http://www.voxbikol.com/article/don%E2%80%99t-underestimate-us-%E2%80%93-bishops>

[7] <http://manilastandardtoday.com/2012/11/29/church-puts-clout-on-the-line-with-drive-vs-rh/>

[8] <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/3038954-74/religious-lawsuit-federal-health-diocese-services-freedom-judge-secretary-filed#axzz2Dc3heUgR>

[9] <http://www.catholic sentinel.org/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=34&ArticleID=19965>

[10] <http://celebrationpublications.org/dailybread>

[11] <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/174446/>

[12] <http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/event/article/id/35015/group/homepage/>

[13] <http://au.news.yahoo.com/latest/a/-/latest/15506815/key-catholic-flags-overhaul-of-abuse-response/>

[14] <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-11-27/bishop-says-whole-church-shouldnt-be-under-fire/4394462?§ion=news>

[15]

<http://www.cathnews.com/uploads/doc/PastoralLetters/Bishop%20Greg%20O%27Kelly%20A%20Church%20in%20Di>

[16] <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=21514>