

## Morning Briefing

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[Pentagon to send missiles, 400 troops to Turkey](#) [1]

[Russia backtracks on statement about Assad's fall](#) [2]

[Boehner, Obama Hold ?Frank? Meeting](#) [3]

INDIANAPOLIS -? A lawyer for a man who won a \$150,000 jury award against a Roman Catholic priest who he claimed sexually abused him when he was 17 [says Indiana?s punitive damages limit renders jury decisions meaningless.](#) [4]

Ireland -- Opinion: [Irish bishops need to challenge gov't on abortion law](#) [5]

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: [celebrationpublications.org/dailybread](http://celebrationpublications.org/dailybread). [6] You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

Illinois newspaper's cartoon about pope tweeting draws response: [Bishop Paprocki is offended](#) [7]; [Hugh Garvey says it "cartoon was spot on"](#) [8]

Worcester, Mass. -- Bishop McManus spoke about nativity characters and children shared Jesse tree symbols [during a parish family retreat in English and Spanish](#) [9] at St. Paul Cathedral Sunday.

Canada -- [Calgary Catholics warned away from new church wrongly identifying itself as Catholic.](#) [10] The St. Pius X Society has purchased a Catholic church in the city?s Southwest.

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[1] <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2012/12/14/us-troops-syria-turkey/1768981/>

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[4] <http://www.jconline.com/article/20121213/NEWS01/312130024/Indiana-punitive-damages-law-challenged>

[5] <http://www.independent.ie/opinion/analysis/david-quinn-martin-must-show-leadership-now-even-if-it-costs-him-moral-capital-3325643.html>

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[7] <http://www.sj-r.com/letters/x65613771/Letter-Offended-by-cartoon-about-pope>

[8] <http://www.sj-r.com/opinions/x65615012/Letter-Pope-cartoon-was-dead-on>

[9] <http://www.catholicfreepress.org/lead-story-2/2012/12/13/bishop-mcmanus-tells-nativity-story-at-parish-family-retreat/>

[10] <http://life.nationalpost.com/2012/12/13/religious-differences-calgary-bishop-warns-congregation-that-the-citys-newest-catholic-church-isnt-really-catholic/>