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Morning Briefing

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Australia P.M. announces terms of reference for **Royal Commission on Sex Abuse**. They include: A focus child sex abuse in institutional contexts; An initial three year run, with preliminary report due in 12-18 months; Will have power of prosecution.

Entertainment industry groups pledge 'dialogue' on gun violence

Las Cruces meets new bishop

Catholic Church calls on Irish government to hold abortion referendum

Limerick, Ireland -- **Maynooth professor of theology Fr Brendan Leahy has been appointed Bishop of Limerick**. At just 52 years of age, he becomes Ireland's youngest Catholic bishop by some margin.

USA higher education -- **Bishops, colleges find good collaboration in 'Ex Corde' review**

Mumbai, India -- **The Archbishop of Mumbai has declared Jan. 27 a Day of Solidarity for justice, awareness and gender equality**.

Manila, Philippines -- **Over 9 million devotees join the 'Black Nazarene' procession**

Manila, Philippines ? Twenty-six years after Roman Catholic leaders helped his mother marshal millions of Filipinos in an uprising that ousted a dictator, President Benigno Aquino III picked a fight with the church over contraceptives and won a victory that bared the bishops' worst nightmare: They no longer sway the masses. **New law points to Philippine church's waning sway**

Filipino liturgist, priest Anscar Chupungco dies

Paraguay's former president and former bishops Fernando Lugo **has admitted he fathered a child with a nurse.**

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Rhode Island -- **Bishop Tobin issues recommendations in light of flu outbreak**

Largest-known spiral galaxy may give birth to new small galaxy, say astronomers



Looking for an a little inspiration to begin

your day? NCR's sister publication, Celebration, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

Pencil Preaching is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread is a series short reflections, written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. Daily Bread is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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