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## Morning Briefing

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**Pope gets retirement title, focuses on prayer**

**Why it's so hard to pick a conclave date**

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**Slide show of Vatican/papal souvenirs**

**Philadelphia will host the Eighth World Meeting of Families from Sept. 22 to 27, 2015.**

For a lot of traditionalist Catholics, two ?popes? (even if one is emeritus) is one pope too many.

**Does Ireland hold the key to Catholic Church's future?**

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**Brazil turns to Catholic Church to quash crack epidemic**

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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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