

## Morning Briefing

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Benedict's final gay: [Pope promises 'unconditional obedience' to successor](#) [1]

[Pope Benedict leaves Vatican for Castel Gandolfo](#) [2]

[Cardinals do it too: A, B and C lists](#) [3]

[The Vatican is stuck in a monarchical past](#) [4]

Commentary: [Catholic Church doesn't need a revolution](#) [5] by Kathryn Lopez. 27% of female weekly Mass-goers accept the Church's teaching against contraception, study says.

Women I know are Catholics who disagree with their church but refuse to give up on it. [Many Catholic women refuse notion of never](#) [6] by Connie Shultz

[Santa Rosa Diocese requires its teachers to reject 'modern errors'](#) [7] Requiring its 200 schoolteachers to sign an agreement affirming that "modern errors" such as contraception, abortion, homosexual marriage and euthanasia are "matters that gravely offend human dignity."

Cardinal sin of sex in the church: [Was Scottish Cardinal Keith O'Brien pushed before he could even think of jumping.](#) [8]

[President Obama calls for U.S. Supreme Court to strike down California's gay marriage ban](#) [9]

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[11] Looking for 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** [11] is a blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**Daily Bread** [12] is a series of 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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