

Morning Briefing

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[10] 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](#) [10] is a blog that *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

[Daily Bread](#) [11] 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.

Links:

- [1] <http://www.chron.com/news/article/W-Va-diocese-joins-call-for-expanding-Medicaid-4382133.php>
- [2] <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/mar/25/obama-immigration-reform-deadline-congress>
- [3] http://todayentertainment.today.com/_news/2013/03/25/17458942-jim-carrey-mocks-gun-enthusiasts-in-funny-or-die-hee-haw-spoof?lite
- [4] <http://www.washingtontimes.com/blog/inside-politics/2013/mar/26/catholic-bishops-lead-prayer-march-supreme-court-j/>
- [5] <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Bill-Maher-slams-medias-fascinations-with-Pope-Francis-on-Real-Time---VIDEO-200012881.html>
- [6] <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/mar/26/tp-michael-gerson-losing-our-religion/>
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