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## Morning Briefing

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Rome -- **Vatican denies rift over handling of US sisters**

Commentary: **Sisters grasp the extended hand** by Thomas C. Fox

**Priest backs support for gay relationships.** Called for a "public celebration of committed love for homosexual couples." (H/T Bondings 2.0)

**Illinois GOP chairman resigns amid gay marriage controversy.** He supports it despite party platform plank opposing it.

**Irish PM Enda Kenny hits back at Catholic Church threat to excommunicate TDs who voted for abortion legislation**

**Mass. diocese leader arrested for DUI in RI**

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