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Morning Briefing

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NCR Today

Slap your forehead and say, "Am I reading this correctly?" San Diego -- **Catholic School Fires Teacher Because Abusive Ex-Husband Posed Threat to Students.** But directors of diocese's human resources and school office promise, "We will continue to pray for you and your family."

Portland, Ore. -- **Archbishop Sample forbids parish from evangelizing in Pride parade.** Individuals could walk in the parade, but the archbishop did not want parish members to walk as communities. Four parishes were thought to have been scheduled to walk.

Newtown, Conn. -- Six months after the Newtown school shooting, **the tragedy will be marked with a moment of silence, the reading of thousands of names of gun violence victims and calls around the country to pass legislation expanding background checks for gun purchases.**

United Arab Emirates -- **New 1,500-seat Catholic church to open in UAE on Friday**

Hollywood -- DreamWorks drops untitled movie project that **chronicles the Catholic church's decadeslong cover-up of its pedophile priests** in Massachusetts as uncovered during a yearlong investigation by the Boston Globe.

Banja Luka, Bosnia -- **Catholic monks revive Bosnian cheese tradition in Trappist monastery**

Did IRS audit conservative Catholic writer because of her conservative Catholic writing?

London -- **Catholic-Anglican relations are actually in good shape**

Vatican City -- **Pope Francis and Archbishop of Canterbury pledge to work together toward reconciliation and unity**

Vatican City -- Pope Francis has challenged his flock of 1 billion Catholics not to be "starched Christians" who chat about theology over tea. He's been taking his own advice. **The pope said what? Six stunners from Francis**

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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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