

## Morning Briefing

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Manila, Philippines -- [Supreme Court stalls implementation of reproductive health bill.](#) [1] Vote was 8-7. Church leaders confident the ban will be made permanent.

Editorial: New Jersey Jewish Standard on the canonizations of John XXIII and John Paul II: [We applaud Pope Francis](#) [2]

Commentary: [Bush's view of comprehensive immigration reform is one to support](#) [3] by Pat Perriello

[Jesuit Pastor Resigns from Priesthood to Protest Patriarchy](#) [4]

Dublin -- The four religious congregations that ran the Magdalene laundries have told the government [they will not make any financial contribution to the multimillion-euro fund set up to recompense former residents.](#) [5]

Commentary: ['Catholic' Hospitals vs. Hospitals: Rediscovering the Difference](#) [6] by Dr. Andrew Agwunobi

The Catholic church in Scotland has been in disarray since the hurried departure of Cardinal Keith O'Brien, the archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, in March after he admitted to acts of misconduct against fellow priests and seminarians. [It might have been the time for a fresh start. But the signs are not encouraging.](#) [7]

[Billing Error Leads to \\$93K Water Bill for Catholic Church in Ohio](#) [8]

[Catholic nun kidnapped and gang raped for a week "](#) [9] in revenge attack by her cousins who blame her family for their father's murder."

Springfield, Mass. -- An arbitration panel [awards diocese \\$48.9 million to repair or replace Cathedral High School](#) [10]. The school was severely damaged in a June 1, 2011, tornado.

[Vatican offers 'time off purgatory' to followers of Pope Francis tweets.](#) [11] I seem to remember John Paul II's blessings were transmittable through TV broadcasts.

[Preliminary Injunction Denied In For-Profit Company's Challenge To Contraceptive Coverage Mandate](#) [12]

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[13] 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](#)** [13] is a blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**[Daily Bread](#)** [14] 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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