

## Morning Briefing

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Milwaukee -- [Judge: Using cemetery funds to pay for bankruptcy violates religious rights](#) [1]

[Former LCWR leader: Pope should open door to women priests](#) [2]

[Lawyer monk a complex behind-the-scenes player](#) [3]

Commentary: [When does our hope for Francis become denial?](#) [4] by Jamie Manson

San Bernardino, Calif. -- [Catholic school teacher fired after his marriage to man becomes public](#) [5]

S.F. archbishop: [Catholic church should welcome 'people who experience same-sex attraction'](#) [6]

Don't forget what *NCR* reported last year: [Cordileone objects to using the terms "gay" and "lesbian."](#) [7]  
Those are politically loaded words, he said, not church vocabulary.

[Catholic church being built near Abu Dhabi](#) [8]. New church to be dedicated to St. Paul.

[Top Catholic church dignitaries in Slovenia resign over financial problems](#) [9]. Two archbishops step down

Los Angeles -- [Five Catholic religious orders released the confidential personnel files of a dozen priests and nuns accused of sexually abusing children.](#) [10]

[New sex abuse crisis in Scottish Catholic church](#) [11] -- Priest claims he was abused by older cleric, and church is punishing him for speaking out

Newcastle, Australia -- The public gallery was moved to tears today [after two victim impact statements were read to the NSW inquiry into clergy sexual abuse in the Hunter Valley.](#) [12]

Commentary: Every time the Catholic church takes one step forward, it seems to take one giant step back.  
[The same old sexist line against female priests](#) [13]

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[15] 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](#)** [15] is a blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**[Daily Bread](#)** [16] 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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