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Morning Briefing

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NCR Today

Newark, N.J. -- **Archbishop Myers fires back in letter to the faithful** - A defiant Newark archbishop lashed out at critics in a letter to Catholic clergy, defending his handling of an alleged pedophile priest and denouncing the media, victims? advocates and politicians as "evil" for distorting his record.

North Jersey churchgoers voice skepticism about archbishop. One churchgoer on Sunday said he has a hard time buying the Newark archbishop?s explanation.

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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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