

Morning Briefing

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Cardinal Peter Turkson, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, is in Iowa meeting with pro- and anti-GMO groups: [Turkson meets with opponents of GMOs, pledges study of issue](#) [1]

Sr. Carol Keehan, head of the Catholic Health Association: [Challenges ahead for Catholic health care](#) [2]

Pope Francis yesterday commemorated the anniversary of the founding of ICEL, the group responsible for English translations of the liturgy. [Was it a 50th or 10th anniversary?](#) [3]

Comedian and Catholic [Stephen Colbert keynoted](#) [4] the New York archdiocese's big-ticket fundraiser with Cardinal Dolan last night.

ProPublica investigates Catholic hospitals in Washington state: [Catholic hospitals grow, and with them questions of care](#) [5]

California Catholic colleges are debating abortion in health care plans: [Abortion debate stirs at Catholic colleges](#) [6]

The superintendent of St. Louis' Catholic schools is [stepping down](#)[7].

In light of revelations of German Bishop 's Franz-Tebartz Van-Elst's spending, one paper asks: [How rich is the Catholic Church in Germany?](#)[8]



[9]Looking for an 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](#) [9] is blog that *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

[Daily Bread](#) [10] 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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