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Is the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese threatened by bankruptcy?

St. Paul-Minneapolis -- **Archdiocese's priest pension-fund policy gives some abusers bigger checks than typical clerical retirees**

Milwaukee -- **Another ruling favors Milwaukee archdiocese in bankruptcy case.** Ruling could force the dismissal of nearly 100 of the 570-plus abuse claims filed in the bankruptcy.

Family of witness against priest breaks silence -- 26-year-old's suicide ends trial against former priest Robert L. Brennan

Commentary: **Indian Christians question the right of "politically naive" bishops to speak for them,** by John Dayal

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Secret memos show Pakistan 'knew of US drone strikes'

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Phoenix -- **Bishop Thomas Olmsted Expels the Anti-Defamation League's Sensitivity Training from Catholic Schools** -- This is a rambling piece, but if you hang with it, an informative read.

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Warsaw, Poland -- **Church denies bishop paid for 'Man of the Year' title**

Vietnamese Catholics pray for the victims of the Philippines earthquake

Masaka, Uganda -- **A Catholic priest has said he will not confirm children who turn up with old Bibles on the day of confirmation.** He says parents spend on new clothes, shoes and taking children to hair salons have no money left for bibles.

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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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