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Morning Briefing

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Commentary: El Salvador -- **Human rights are the concern of the entire people of God** by Jesuit Fr. Jon Sobrino

St. Paul-Minneapolis vicar: **Task force will have access to abuse-related files**

St. Paul-Minneapolis -- **Priest demands Nienstedt explain handling of clergy sexual abuse** -- "This is not some small matter. This is a big deal. It's the first time, I must say, in 69 years that I'm embarrassed to be Catholic."

Vatican sends Diwali greetings -- The biggest Hindu festival falls on Nov. 3 this year.

New Delhi, India -- A former Miss Universe and Bollywood actress has been conferred with **the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice**.

As Obamacare issues fester, White House and Sebelius play defense

EU delegation to meet at White House over NSA spying concerns

Polio disease outbreak in Syria

Ixtepec, Oaxaca, in the south of Mexico -- **Mexican Priest Threatened For Helping Migrants** -- "I am a grain of sand in the government's shoe: I make them uncomfortable."

Dublin -- Ireland's Association of Catholic Priests is to release a damning report into the findings of the tribunal set up to examine the church's reaction to clerical sex abuse. Says: **The practices and procedures of the Murphy commission left a lot to be desired where Catholic clergy called before it were concerned.**

Violated natural and constitutional law

Melaka-Johor, Malaysia -- A Catholic bishop has proposed that Malaysian Muslims take part in a referendum **to decide once and for all whether they want the Islamic criminal law, or hudud, imposed on them.**

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Archbishop-elect Leonard Blair's first words in Hartford: **"I am very struck by Pope Francis' image of the church being a field hospital for the wounded in today's world. There are so many people that are hurting, spiritually as well as materially."**

Iloilo, Philippines -- **Vote buying among poor rampant, says Catholic Church official**



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 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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