Morning Briefing

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Milestone met: **Syria Is Said to Have Destroyed All Chemical Arms Production Sites**

Hawaii Senate passes bill to legalize gay marriage: 20-4 vote in favor of the bill

Critics, including church, question use of isolation in California prisons

Joondalup, Australia -- **Ghana priest hopes to open teacher training center in his home country**

Kelleys Island, Ohio -- **Former Ohio First Lady Now Pushes For Recognition Of Female Priests**

Bishops of Southern Africa: **Corruption is theft from the poor**

Bishops of Southern Africa: **Hardship, poverty and a lack of freedom on the continent drive migrants to risk their lives making the perilous journey to Europe.**

Zambian bishops preparing to launch Catholic television station

The Reality of Working with Two Catholic Churches -- Views from a priest who serves expat Catholics in communist China.

China and the Vatican: **Singing from the same hymnal**: The striking parallels between Pope Francis and Chinese President Xi Jinping. Both elected the same day, both have a reform agenda, both have sacked high-living senior officials.

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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