

## Morning Briefing

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USCCB elects president, vice president; What do the USCCB elections mean?; Bishops overwhelmingly approve continuing liturgy translations -- Some of the headlines from *NCR* coverage of the fall meeting of the U.S. bishops' conference. [Read all the stories here.](#) [1]

Melbourne, Australia -- The parliamentary commission studying clerical sexual abuse today filed a 678-page report, principally focused on the Catholic church. An Aussie *NCR* reader describes it as "a huge read but damning of the Church, its actions and its culture." *NCR* will post the report on its website later today. Until then, read two newspaper accounts:

- [Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into child sex abuse prompts push to make abuse silence a crime](#) [2]
- [Victims vindicated as church sex abuse inquiry delivers](#) [3]

Melbourne, Australia -- [Catholic archdiocese actively protected a pedophile priest, a judge says.](#) [4]

St. Paul, Minn. -- Tribal authorities on the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota are opening a criminal investigation into alleged sexual abuse of several boys and a teenager by St. Paul-Minneapolis priest who was kept in ministry [after he admitted to abuse on the reservation in the 1970s.](#) [5]

[Hawaii Senate passes gay marriage bill](#) [6]

Sarah Palin is [skeptical of the 'liberal' agenda promoted by Pope Francis](#) [7]

Tagaytay, Philippines -- [LCWR seeks abandoned religious living in US](#) [8]

Kansas City, Mo. -- The Catholic diocese cannot be liable for the actions of a priest [alleged to have sexually abused a boy away from church property, an appeals court ruled Tuesday.](#) [9] But also recommends Supreme Court review the case to clarify certain points of law.

Montreal, Canada -- [Priest says he's been shunned, fired from part-time pastoral job for discussing sex abuse](#) [10]

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[11] Looking for 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](#)** [11] is a blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**[Daily Bread](#)** [12] is a series of 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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