

## Morning Briefing

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[Will you pray for the exorcism of gays today?](#) [1] (Maybe you missed this story last week: Springfield, Ill., Bishop Thomas Paprocki [will offer "prayers of supplication and exorcism"](#) [2] at approximately the same time Gov. Pat Quinn will sign marriage equality into law today.)

Unnecessary roughing: [Why Catholic bishops should be more accepting of gay marriage](#) [3] by Cristina Traina

Warsaw, Poland -- A debate over climate aid [is widening the rift between richer and poorer nations at United Nations climate talks in Warsaw](#) [4], creating another obstacle in the fight against global warming.

[After Typhoon, Cathedral Becomes a Morgue](#) [5]

[New York Archdiocese Planning Some Parish Closures](#) [6] -- dwindling attendance, priest shortage to blame

[More Latinos Convert from Catholics to Protestants](#) [7]; the Latin wave in the Anglican church

Three interesting items, Pope Francis-related:

Catholic League president: [The Left Has ?Grossly Misinterpreted? Some of Pope Francis? Statements](#) [8]

[What the GOP Can Learn From Pope Francis](#) [9]

[Pope Francis warns of dangers of ?adolescent progressivism"](#) [10]

The church's civil agenda -- [Three Catholic priorities face uncertain future](#) [11] by Michael Sean Winters

Ghana -- Parliament has commended the Catholic church for its [pioneering role in the provision of education and other social infrastructure](#) [12] in the country.

[Bob Dylan Releases Interactive Music Video For 'Like A Rolling Stone'](#) [13]

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[14] 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](#)** [14] is a blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

**[Daily Bread](#)** [15] 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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