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Morning Briefing

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Advent with *NCR*: **O Dawning Light, O Sacred Presence** [1]-- Daily reflections

Global wave of prayer launches as Francis urges action against hunger [2]

Cardinal O'Malley calls on Congress to support food stamps [3]

Irish Catholic Watchdog Issues Child Abuse Report [4] -- 325 Christian Brothers accused of abuse since 1975; 12 faced criminal charges

Pope Francis gets high ratings from Catholics, according to poll [5]

Acton Institute President Fr. Robert A. **Sirico Responds to Rush Limbaugh on Pope Francis, ?Evangelii Gaudium?** [6] (audio)

Harrisburg, Pa. -- Pennsylvania's House of Representatives **advanced several pieces of a child-abuse reform package** [7] stemming from the Jerry Sandusky and Roman Catholic clergy scandals.

MTVU, the music channel for university students, Pope Francis and New Zealand pop singer Lorde **as its man and woman of the year.** [8]

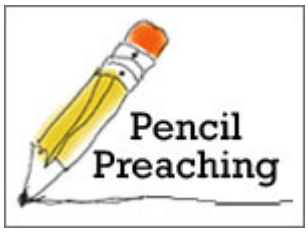
Commentary: **Inequality works for me!** [9] by Joe Ferullo

Scotland: **Church closures threat as priest numbers halved** [10]

Conversations with Sr. Camille: **After daughter's murder, mother finds comfort in God, family** [11]

So much news from Australia, which has convened a Royal Commission to investigate child sexual abuse:

- **Catholic bishop chided for semantic argument on church responsibility** [12]
- **Royal commission hears evidence about the Catholic church's dealings with victims** [13] Priest allegedly told abuse victim: 'look for someone your own age'
- Jennifer Ingham wants to know why one good, fearless person **never stepped up against the wrongs and depravities in the Catholic Church.** [12]
- Church's insurance company instructed a bishop to delete an admission **that church officials had been warned about a pedophile priest** [14]from a letter of apology sent to one of the man's victims.



[15]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[15] is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [16] 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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