

Morning Briefing

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One year after Sandy Hook: [Gun control activists see post-Newtown progress](#) [2]

[Boehner, the Tea Party, and the Ryan Express](#) [3] What last night's vote revealed about the actual balance of power within the House GOP.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Mumbai and president of the Episcopal Conference of India, said that the Church has "never considered gay people criminals," [after the Supreme Court of India restored a law banning homosexual acts.](#) [4]

Indianapolis, Ind. -- [Catholic bishops weigh in on a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriages in the state](#) [5]. Take firm stand in support of traditional marriage, but no over the top rhetoric in support of the proposal.

[Engaged couple fired by Catholic school for falling pregnant outside wedlock](#) [6]

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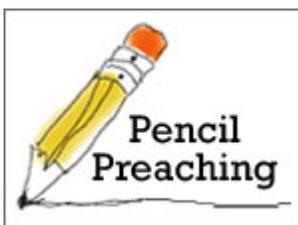
Australia's Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse of Children -- [Lawyers 'horse-traded' on church abuse](#) [12]

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[17]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](#)[17] is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.



[Daily Bread](#) [18] 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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