

## Morning Briefing

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[Church suspends five priests, accuses one of sexual abuse](#) [9]. The other four suspended priests were determined to have violated standards of behavior and boundaries. Two others were cleared to return to duties.

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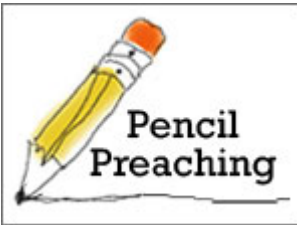
[Catholic priest to sue church for unfair dismissal](#) [11] -- Historic case that could give priests employment rights

Springfield, Ill. -- [Local Catholics Overjoyed Pope is Time Magazine's Person of the Year](#) [12] (Video)

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LGBT Catholics in Westminster have [written to Bishops in England and Wales, urging them to consider a wider program of pastoral support.](#) [14]

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[Pencil Preaching](#) [16] is a blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.



[Daily Bread](#) [17] is a series of short

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