Morning Briefing

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Northern Virginia: Pope Francis says "Who am I to judge?", but a priest says gays have "perverted relationships." He kicked out the local Boy Scout chapters after the organization opened its doors to gay youths.

In reflection of President's Day yesterday, surprising religious facts about former U.S. presidents.

U.N. releases report of North Korea with "abundant evidence" of crimes against humanity.

One of Vietnam's most prominent dissidents loses appeal against charges of tax evasion.

Cardinal-elect Gerhard Müller insists he is not as conservative as the media portrays him.

More cardinal news: Pope Francis starts off week with third meeting of Council of Cardinals.

Update on Milwaukee archdiocese bankruptcy: Most abuse claims will receive no money.
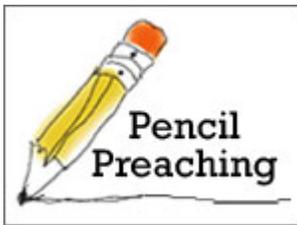
Opinion: Mother's principles tested and found true after daughter's murder

The Spanish government has announced it will grant citizenship to descendants of Sephardic Jews that were expelled from the country five centuries ago.

Snake handlers: Co-star of 'Snake Salvation' dies of a snakebite

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 is a blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.

Daily Bread 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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