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Morning Briefing

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Family synod: Japanese bishops respond to Vatican survey [1] saying church teachings are not known in their country.

More on the synod: Irish bishops won't publish their results [2]. They say the findings are for the bishops, not the church.

Ukraine: It was the bloodiest day of violence so far in the Kiev standoff between rioters and police [3]. At least 25 people were killed in what the country's prime minister is calling an "attempted coup."

The three amigos: President Barack Obama heads to a meeting with Canada and Mexico [4], stalling several important issues on the agenda in the U.S.

Kansas City, Mo.: Saying that civil law can do no more, Kansas City Catholics are asking Pope Francis [5] to investigate their bishop.

Los Angeles: Archdiocese settles final priest abuse case for $1.3 million [6]. That in comparison to Milwaukee, where in their bankruptcy [7], most claims will receive no funds.

Opinion: Five reasons to be religiously literate [8] because "religion is alive and well in the world."

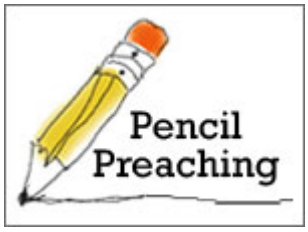
Another opinion: The changing face of Christian politics [9]. 2013 could be seen as the fall of the Religious Right in favor of a more pragmatic solution.

North Carolina: A self-proclaimed satanist woman says she murdered 22 people [10]. Police are skeptical.

Gay marriage: Church of England offers prayers for same-sex weddings [11] but bans gay priests from marrying.

Pope Francis renews his Argentine passport [12], identity card.

Book review: Author finds a spiritual home at monastery [13]



Pencil Preaching [14] is a blog in which *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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