

## Morning Briefing

Dennis Coday | Feb. 28, 2014 NCR Today

Pittsburgh, Pa. -- Bishop David Zubik reports on his diocese's [questionnaire for the Synod on the Family](#) [1]. Many Roman Catholics don't know church teachings on the family and sexuality, they don't follow some of the ones they do know, and they question the church's moral standing to tell them what to do, he said.

Dublin, Ireland -- Archbishop Diarmuid Martin reports on his archdiocese's [questionnaire for the Synod on the Family](#) [2] Catholic teaching on contraception, cohabitation, same sex relationships, the divorced and remarried is "disconnected from real life experience of families" and not by just younger people?, he said.

Kansas City, Mo. -- "A good priest and joyful bishop" passes: [Emeritus Bishop Raymond Boland dies at age 82](#) [3]

New Delhi -- [Church leaders discuss dalit issue with UN official](#) [4]

[Home games for the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder always begin with a prayer -- a public, pre-event invocation](#) [5]. "We feel people's faith is important to them," said Dan Mahoney, the Thunder's vice president for corporate communications and community relations.

Dubai -- With some 400,000 Catholics, [St. Mary's parish in the United Arab Emirates is probably the world's largest parish.](#) [6]

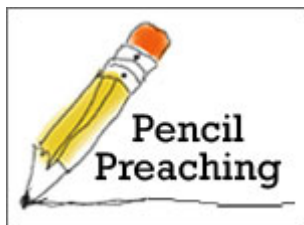
Dublin, Ireland -- [Priest arrested after claims he stole €500,000 to fund luxurious lifestyle](#)[7]

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Philadelphia journalist Ralph Cipriano recounts court testimony by a victim of clergy sex abuse: ["Father Andy" Faces His Accuser](#) [10]

Dublin, Ireland -- [Bishop wins court case to halt actions by three abuse survivors](#) [11]



[12]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** [12] is a blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.



**Daily Bread** [13] 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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