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Morning Briefing

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NCR Today

Family synod: **Irish bishops decide not to publish results** of the survey.

More on the synod: Cardinal Walter Kasper calls to **maintain, yet reinterpret, doctrine** to help families.

And another on the synod: There is **not enough focus on women**, interfaith families or Asia.

Council for the Economy: **Pope names cardinals, lay experts** to consider management structures of the Holy See.

Philadelphia: **Archdiocese to end tuition aid** to children of abuse victims. The archdiocese is citing low participation and the desire to focus the aid directly on those abused.

Syria: Release of kidnapped nuns belies **persecution of Christians** in rebel areas.

India: Two priests undergo **'truth serum tests'** in murder case of rector.

Dominican educationalist faces jail in UK over 'most extreme' child porn.

And in Puerto Rico, the Catholic church has **defrocked six priests** accused of sex abuse.

Half of the parishes across the west of Scotland will be closed due to a shortage of priests.

Opinion: **The secret Pope Francis haters** -- There is a growing number of dissident voices in the Catholic community.

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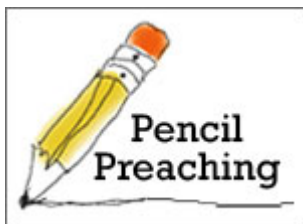
Jet plane still missing: 42 ships and 39 aircraft are **searching more than 27,000 square miles** of sea for Flight 370.

Missouri lawmakers considering **more restrictions on abortion**.

It's National Catholic Sisters Week. **Let's hear it for the nuns!**

For more information on National Catholic Sisters Week, **check this out**.

And, speaking of sisters, be sure to become a fan of our **Global Sisters Report** on Facebook.



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