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## Morning Briefing

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NCR Today

Bend, Ore. -- **Removed Oregon pastor scheduled to meet with bishop**

**Judge warns against delays in Gallup, N.M., bankruptcy case**

**World Vision reverses course on same-sex marriage policy**

Commentary -- **The mentally ill are our lepers** by Melissa Musick Nussbaum

A mysterious new anti-abortion group with ties to conservative pundit Erick Erickson has warned Georgia Right to Life, the state's oldest pro-life group, **that it aims to displace the older group as the National Right to Life Committee's Georgia affiliate.** A new front in the GOP civil war opens up in Georgia

Tirunelveli, India -- **Bishop in southern India questions antinuclear priest's candidacy in parliamentary election.**

Sr. Christine Schenk (who is a columnist for *NCR*) had a fascinating interview with Vatican Radio: **Rediscovering the role of women in the early Church** -- For the fourth year in a row, FutureChurch has organized the pilgrimage to visit some of Rome's ancient basilicas and catacombs, following in the footsteps of many influential early Christian women whose contribution to the spreading of the Gospel has largely been lost over the centuries. (Yes, Vatican Radio.)

*NCR* cartoonist Pat Marrin chronicles the ministry of Pope Francis: **Francis, the comic strip** (updated weekly).

NCR's Tom Reese on the PBS Newshour: **How might the pope and the president work together?**

*Commonweal's* Grant Galicho analyzes the coverage of the Obama-Francis meeting: **Francis & Obama meet, opening singularity that sucks oxygen out of U.S. media.**

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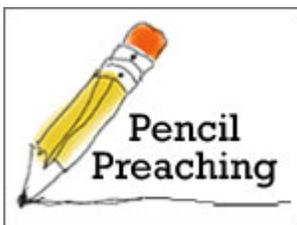
Florence, Italy ? **Gay Catholics here now speak of a new ray of light from what they call ?l'effetto Francesco.?**

Butte, Mont. -- **Fired Catholic school teacher gives birth to son; has filed discrimination complaint**

London -- **Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth decouples from Knights of Malta**

**Ethiopia Orthodox Church takes roots in Ghana**

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