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Morning Briefing

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NCR Today

Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., has retired and *Times Union* has many articles on his replacement, **Edward Scharfenberger**:

- **His comments on hot-button issues**
- **His tending to the flock in the streets**
- **His varied interests**
- **His parents knew he would be a priest since he was 7 years old**

NCR editorial: **An engaged laity demands answers to finance, abuse.** It's tempting to look at the system and say it's broken. But it's the clerical system that's broken.

We have a new **Young Voices columnist**: Brian Harper is a graduate of Marquette University. In his first column, **he writes about seeking the faith of a convert.**

In case you didn't hear the news yesterday: **Stephen Colbert is replacing David Letterman** on the 'Late Show.'

The **gay marriage battle** has moved back to the courts.

A papyrus scroll **referring to Jesus' wife** is more likely ancient than fake, experts say.

Transgender student denied on-campus male housing at Christian university.

Analysis: A new PBS series aims to show **how humans evolved from creatures of the deep.**

Central African Republic: The **Catholic church is the only institution still functioning** in the war-torn country.

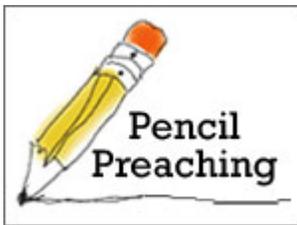
A French priest **has been charged with rape and torture** for acts allegedly committed during a exorcisms involving three schoolteachers.

Is it a real charity or not? A **northern Illinois group walks the streets collecting funds** while wearing T-shirts saying, "Support Catholic Veterans." But officials are looking into the group's legitimacy.

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We'll end on a happy note. Have a great Friday!

- Sr. Christine Schenk writes about her **hopeful, energizing pilgrimage to Rome**.
- A Lexington, Ky., Catholic high school **broke a Guinness world record**.
- A **singing priest wows wedding guests** with a rendition of 'Hallelujah.'



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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