

## Morning Briefing

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Have you been reading *NCR*'s new website devoted to covering the mission and ministry of Catholic women religious? Check it (daily) at [Global Sisters Report](#) [1].

[Challenge to Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage creates an uneasy alliance](#) [2] -- American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal in shotgun wedding with celebrity lawyers

10 years on: This week marks the 10th anniversary of when Massachusetts [became the first state to legalize same-sex marriage](#). [3]

Cincinnati -- [Catholic teacher backs gay son, quits to protest contract](#) [4]

Boston -- [Amid outcry, black mass at Harvard is called off](#) [5] -- Attempt to find alternate site fails. Meanwhile, [Harvard president Drew Faust attends a "Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction at St. Paul's Church on \[Harvard\] campus](#) [6]. And by all accounts, it was full house, people standing in vestibule.

Bridgeport, Conn. -- [Catholic diocese removes priest as pastor of Shelton church](#) [7] and letter from bishop clearly explains why. (**Heads up:** *NCR* staff writer Brian Roewe recently spent a week in the Bridgeport diocese. His report will appear soon in the print issue of *NCR*.)

Bend, Ore. -- Baker, Ore., bishop removes priest and people don't know why. Now [Baker, Ore., bishop warns parishioners against leaving Catholic church](#) [8]

Fall River, Mass. -- [Ex-bishop sued for failing to supervisor abusing priest](#) [9]

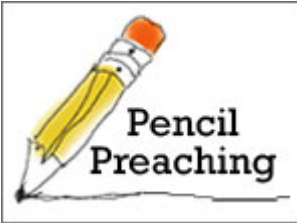
Ireland's National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church is release reports of diocesan audits: [101 priests in single diocese accused of abuse in 40 years](#) [10]

Congress: [Catholic Bishops Set to Lobby Lawmakers on Immigration Overhaul](#) [11]

The Vatican's next crackdown? [Vatican threatens Jesuit theologian in India with censure](#) [12]

When climate change becomes real: [The pain of climate change](#) [13] by Sr. Julia Walsh

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[14] 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** [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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[3] <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2014/0511/Same-sex-marriage-10-years-on-it-s-becoming-the-norm-video>

[4] <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/education/2014/05/09/catholic-teacher-backs-gay-son-quitting-protest-controversial-contract/8898181/>

[5] <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/05/12/cardinal-sean-malley-expresses-disappointment-harvard-decision-allow-black-mass-campus/tUjYx2817C65LAHousRIeP/story.html>

[6] <http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/harvard-president-attend-holy-hour-not-black-mass>

[7] <http://sheltonherald.com/42121/catholic-diocese-removes-priest-as-pastor-of-shelton-church/>

[8] <http://ncronline.org/news/faith-parish/baker-ore-bishop-warns-parishioners-against-leaving-catholic-church>

[9] <http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140513/NEWS/405130318>

[10] <http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/101-priests-in-single-diocese-accused-of--268345.html>

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