

## Morning Briefing

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Have you been reading *NCR's* new website devoted to covering the mission and ministry of Catholic women

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[1]. Here's a great example of the work of GSR: [Scripture scholar sister's trailblazing journey of teaching, compassion](#) [2] by Retta Blaney

Innsbruck, Austria -- [Head of We Are Church excommunicated for celebrating Mass without priest](#) [3] -- The Heizers respond: "By virtue of our baptism we remain part of the church as long as we ourselves do not choose to leave her."

Letters to the editor: [Pope Francis and ?mixed messages?](#) [4] by Brendan Butler, co-convener of the reform group We Are Church Ireland

Pew Research Center says [Middle East's Christian population in flux as Pope Francis visits Holy Land](#) [5]

Chicago -- [Search for Cardinal George's successor has begun](#) [6]

U.S. nuns haunted by dead Jesuit: [the ghost of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin](#) [7]

Tom Reese's Friday column: [Four goals of the papal visit to Holy Land](#) [8]

Pope Francis in the Holy Land: [5 things to know](#) [9]

Pope Francis in the Holy Land: [Pope Francis Visits Jordan, Israel, Palestine: Expect the Unexpected](#) [10]

Save this link for quick access to all of *NCR* coverage of [Pope Francis in the Holy Land](#) [11]

Death penalty watch: [Tennessee Says It Will Bring Back the Electric Chair](#) [12]

New Delhi, India -- [Christian community will participate in the efforts of India's new government to build a nation of justice and progress](#) [13], said the general secretary of the National Council of Churches in India.

[Three Catholic parishes in Indianapolis to close](#) [14] citing declining Mass attendance, fewer priests and economic challenges.

Streetsboro, Ohio -- [Catholic church supports gun regulations](#) [15], pastor says in Streetsboro

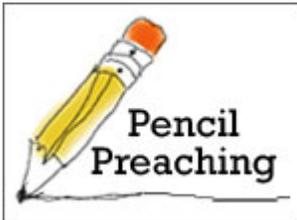
The Who-Am-I-to-Judge Watch: Bucks County, Pa. -- [Catholic school principal apologizes for Ellen DeGeneres' photo on invitation](#) [16]. Really?

Chicago -- A Cook County judge denied bond for convicted child molester and defrocked Catholic priest Daniel McCormack, [who is facing a new charge of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for an alleged 2005 incident involving a minor boy.](#) [17]

Cincinnati -- [Catholic-School Teacher of 45 Years Quits Over New Anti-gay Contract](#) [18]

Cincinnati -- [Rally protesting Catholic teacher contract](#) [19]

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[20] 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](#) [20] is a blog in which *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin combines Scripture and sketching to reflect on the Word.



[Daily Bread](#) [21] 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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