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This issue will feature Roman Calendar Notes for November. The Season of Ordinary Time: The weeks of Ordinary Time *do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ...rather; they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.* (GNLYC, 43)

November 1: **Solemnity of All Saints** – (holy day of obligation) Reading the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1f) in the context of a prayer format would be helpful. In reflecting on the saints, children learn to put on the true attitudes of being “blest.” Emphasize in ritual catechesis the Church’s profession “We believe in the communion of saints.” Photos of the departed relatives of the children and pictures of saints can be displayed on a white sheet. Observe silence in the area. Halloween is the beginning of the festival of All Saints.

November 2: **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** (All Souls) Rooted in ancient Christian tradition (2nd c. and Tertulian), St. Odilo of Cluny (1 Jan) established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in 13th c. Students could make a large scroll of the names of deceased loved ones and they could be prayed for each day. If possible, visit a local cemetery – this is probably how graveyards became associated with “All Hallow-Eve” or Halloween.

November 3 **St. Martin de Porres**, Religious, Born in 1639 in Lima, Peru, As an OP lay brother he ministered to the poor and the sick, especially African slaves, devoted to the Holy Eucharist; patron saint of social justice and of peoples of mixed races.

November 4: **Saint Charles Borromeo**, bishop; 3 Nov 1584 at age 46; cardinal and secretary of state at age 22 for his uncle, Pope Pius IV; implemented reforms of Trent in his diocese of Milan; considered a model pastor by many bishops; patron of catechists and of catechumens.

Roman calendar notes for November (continued)

November 6: **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

November 9: **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.** The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of Rome. It is the Episcopal seat of the Pope, the bishop of Rome. It is the “mother and head of all churches of Rome and world.” It is called the Lateran Basilica because it was built on land owned by the Lateran family. The basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul was built in the fourth century. Constantine built the Basilica of St. Peter over the tomb of St. Peter.

November 10: **Saint Leo the Great**, pope, doctor of the Church; 461, eminent pastor and preacher; defender of the Roman primacy; combated Pelagianism and Manichaeism; his *Tome on Christ's two natures* was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon; many of his prayers are found in the *Roman Missal*; saved Rome from marauding Huns and Vandals.

November 11: **Saint Martin of Tours** – bishop – 397 in Hungary; soldier turned Christian at eighteen; disciple of St. Hilary; founded the first monastery in the West; bishop of Tours; first non-martyr with annual feast in the Western Church; patron of soldiers, wine producers and of France.

November 12: **St. Josaphat**, 1632 bishop, martyr. He became a Basilian monk and was later ordained to the priesthood and chosen Bishop of Pollock. He was martyred in 1623.

November 13 **Thirty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, (USA)1917 – An Italian immigrant, she was the first US citizen canonized a saint. (1946) She is the patroness of immigrants. The role of local parish churches in the lives of immigrant people should be highlighted. She also established many schools, hospitals and orphanages.

November 15: **St. Albert the Great**, 1280, bishop, doctor, martyr, a teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of scientists.

November 16 **St. Margaret of Scotland**, 1093, was an ideal mother and queen of Scotland. Also St. Gertrude , 1301; called “the Great”; a Benedictine mystic who devoted her life to God and dedicated herself to the pursuit of perfection. Wrote on the meaning of suffering, the Sacred Heart, the Trinity and God's love.

November 17: **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**, religious; 1231 at age 24; wife of Louis IV of Thuringia and mother of 3; as a widow, she became a Franciscan tertiary, dedicated to the needs of the poor and the sick. Patroness of the Franciscan Order and of Catholic Charities.

November 18: **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul**, apostles; **Saint Rose Philippine of Duchesne**; virgin (USA) – 1852; at age 33 at St. Charles Missouri founded the first Amercia house of the religious of the Sacred Heart; opened the first American free school west of the Mississippi; known for her courage and desire to serve native Americans.

November 20: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.** Solemnity of Christ the King/ The Last Sunday of Ordinary Time. – Discuss “Kingdom of God” of which Jesus spoke. This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and an appropriate time to discuss the liturgical year. (see Poster Liturgical Year Calendar published by LTP) Connect the last week of the Church's year to Advent.

November 21: **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**; today's memorial finds its origins in a 2nd c. apocryphal source and dedication on 21 Nov. 543 of the Basilica of St. Mary the New in Jerusalem.

November 22: **Saint Cecilia**, Virgin, Martyr; 3rd c.?.; known for her legendary, *Passio*, a poem which exalts Christian virginity; Patroness of sacred music because of the song of God in her heart. She is praised as the most perfect model of the Christian woman because of her virginity and the martyrdom she suffered for the love of Christ.



Roman calendar notes for November (continued)

November 23: **St. Clement I**, Pope & martyr was the third pope after St. Peter and wrote a famous epistle to the Corinthians or St. Columba, 615; Irish monk, born in Ireland in the middle of the sixth century. He entered monastic life and founded many monasteries of strict discipline.

November 24 **Thanksgiving Day** is observed in the USA

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs; during the 17th – 19th centuries in Vietnam, some 130,000 Christians suffered cruel martyrdom, many by decapitation or strangulation; today 117 are remembered. All canonized 19 June 1988 by Pope John Paul II.



November 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria- virgin martyr, a learned woman of the 14th century who, according to legend, following her conversion at age 18, preached the gospel throughout Alexandria in Egypt.

November 27 **First Sunday of Advent Year A** - The beginning of the Year of Grace, 2017.

Year A; Sunday cycle; Cycle I Weekday cycle in Ordinary Time. It begins our preparation for the coming of Christ – the Word made flesh. Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ’s second coming at the end of time. The official color for the season of Advent is violet. The Advent wreath is a popular symbol in many church and homes. Discuss the various meanings of the wreath: circular wreath, green color, four candles, color of the candles and other decorations included. This also begins the use of the New Roman Missal.



November 30 **Feast of St. Andrew**, Apostle. Familiarize children with the names of the twelve Apostles because they form the foundation of the Church with Jesus as the cornerstone. The Apostles enfolded the missionary mandate of Christ. Read and reflect on the calling of Andrew. (Matthew 4:18-22)

December 4: **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 6: **Feast of St. Nicholas; bishop**

December 8: **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

December 11: **Third Sunday of Advent**

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 18: **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 25: **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

The Christmas Season: “After the annual celebration of the Pascal mystery. The Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the nativity of the Lord and his first manifestations, and this takes place in Christmas time.” (Universal norms, 323) The Christmas season extends from evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Monday 9 January 2017.

December 26: **St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

December 27: **St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**

December 28: **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

December 30: **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

January 01: **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother**

January 08: **The Epiphany of the Lord**

January 09: **The Baptism of the Lord** After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time Begins.

January 10: **Ordinary Time Begins.**

National Vocations Awareness Week

November 6-12, 2016

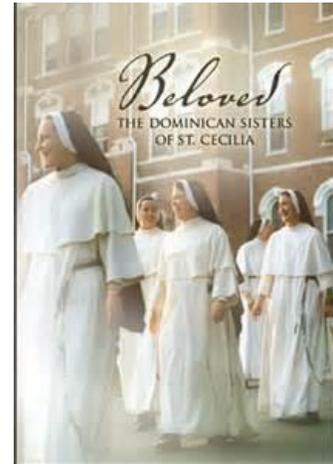


National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 10 in 2017. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Films for Vocations Awareness Week:

Beloved: The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia - DV 61905 - JH-A

The love that God has for the soul is like that which the bridegroom has for his bride. In the heart of the "Bible Belt" in Tennessee, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have fully embraced that love in the living of their vows and apostolic life for 150 years. Like their patron, the virgin martyr Cecilia, the Nashville Dominicans promise their heart to Christ and it is His voice that fills their ears and secures their promise to be His alone. This joyful, holy community radiates their love for Christ and neighbor, revealing in this compelling film what it means to live a consecrated life as both a contemplative and a teacher. They manifest to the world that religious life is all about love and joy, but a love that is different and unique. It is a love that is eternal. 57 minutes.



Brief Presentation: The Life of the Discalced Carmelite Nun, A - DV 61598 - JH-A

This 20 minute DVD beautifully describes the history and life of the Sisters of Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Sioux City, Iowa. Rising at 4:45 the nuns begin their day with solitary prayer, breakfast and praying the Liturgy of the Hours. They likewise come together to share in the celebration of the Eucharist. Each day includes labor such as cleaning and upkeep of the building; caring for the grounds and gardens; packaging hosts; and the making of custom vestments. They come together seven times each day for prayer. They also share meals and two recreation periods. Formation begins with postulancy and then entering the novitiate in about six months. Two years later the novice has her first profession of vows and then wears the white veil. Three years later she may be invited to profess solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and then receives the brown habit. This program is very complete and would be very good for vocation awareness. Formation is a life-long process. The Carmel life provides the freedom to live for God in a consecrated service to Christ and his church. 20 minutes

Films for Vocations Awareness Week (Continued)

Call To Mission - DV 61599 - I-SH

You may call it "mission", or "calling," "vocation," or "purpose," it all boils down to serving people according to Gospel principles. Traditionally, we picture priests or nuns doing "mission" in foreign lands, but that's not the only way it's done. In this new program you will see foreign and domestic missions being done by lay people as well as religious. There are many needs, many ways to do mission. It's limited only by your imagination. This is great for Mission Sunday discussions, Confirmation prep and vocations programs. 22 minutes

Calling: A Documentary - DV 61911 - JH-A

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." The Calling reveals candid portraits of three people drawn to ministry in a foreign land. As their stories unfold, we see the blessings as well as the challenges that this vocation entails. It's a film about commitment to God, loyalty to family, and the faith to discover God's will. Orlando Castillo is a young man from a prosperous family who wishes to 'live simply' and serve the poor despite his parent's reservations. "When you feel the call, nothing is greater than that." Mother Mary Elizabeth is a woman torn between her call and the emotional needs of her family. "God is asking something of me that I never believed he'd ask." Father Phillip Scott is a priest striving to establish a fledgling mission in his native country of Peru. Special effects: 60 minute version with English / Spanish subtitle option; Extended Director's cut; DVD Additional Sequences; Photo Gallery; and Director's Commentaries. The Calling is an insightful look at what it means to be called to religious life. 60 minutes.



Catholic Priest Today: A Man of Faith - A Man of Tradition - A Man of God - DV 61392 - JH-A

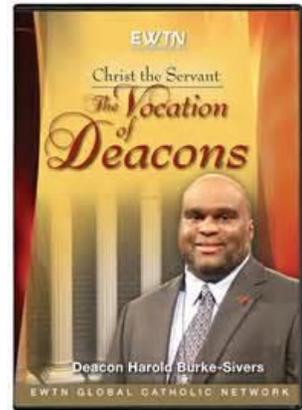
This documentary is designed to speak to all those who have an interest in the Catholic priesthood. It is a complement to Fishers of Men cd 61131 produced by the USCCB. It is about priests living the great adventure of a life completely dedicated to Christ in His Body, the Church. It shows that the mission of a priest is built on a life of daily prayer and centered on the Eucharist. It illustrates the divine nature of his calling and how the priesthood is not a profession, although a priest pursues the highest professional standards in his pastoral work. Many people who only see the priest at Sunday Mass may wonder about his day-to-day life. This documentary follows the lives of three actual priests through the course of an ordinary week. The film shows that those who accept the challenge of the priesthood in today's world realize it is great time to be a priest. This film is highly recommended for young men who are contemplating the priesthood, families whose sons are discerning a possible vocation, and all who are interested in the real lives of priests and desire to help them. 28 minutes.



Films for Vocations Awareness Week (Continued)

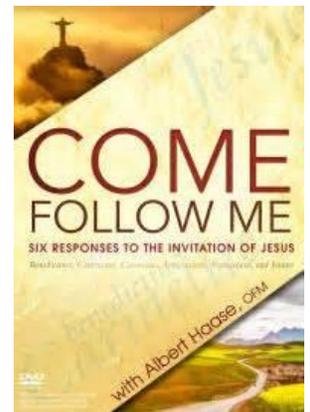
Christ the Servant - The Vocation of Deacons - DV 61900 - A

Explore the vocation, spirituality, and ministry of deacons in the Church and gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the role deacons play throughout the world. In this program, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers examines the true nature and character of the diaconate, which is not defined by what a deacon does but by who the deacon is: a sacramental sign of the Church in the world and a consecrated, visible witness to the Kingdom of God manifested in Christ the Servant. 2 discs - 150 minutes



Come Follow Me: Six Responses to the Call of Jesus DV 62177 - A

Down through the ages, people have responded in various ways to the call of Jesus to follow him. Some of those responses have attracted followers and sparked new and rich spiritual traditions. On this DVD, Albert Haase, OFM, scholar of Christian spirituality, highlights six of the most vital spiritual traditions in the history of the Church, the Benedictines, Cistercians, Carmelites, Dominicans, Franciscans, and Jesuits. Each 30-minute presentation offers insights into the founder, the characteristics, and famous followers of that tradition. Ideal viewing for anyone wanting to know about these vital expressions of faith, these presentations share time-tested wisdom that will shape your own response to Jesus's invitation. Similar in appeal to James Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, they'll enrich your spiritual life and practice as you learn from the experiences of others. A simple discussion guide is included for small groups and adult faith formation programs. 169 minutes.



Diary of a City Priest - DV 61003 - A

An inside look at the emotional and spiritual struggles and joys of an extraordinary priest (David Morse) called to serve in one of Philadelphia's toughest neighborhoods. Faced with gangs, poverty, drugs, and an often pervasive feeling of hopelessness, Father Mac, as he is known, is a tireless crusader for his flock, handing out food to the poor each evening, interceding with colleges on behalf of promising students, even occasionally bailing out neighborhood kids from night court. Morse's portrayal brilliantly conveys his weary, yet resolute faith. Creating a moving and inspiring portrait of a complex spiritual man who struggles with translating his faith into action every day. 78 minutes.

Films for Vocations Awareness Week (Continued)

Ecce Fiat (“Behold, Let It be”): A visit to Clear Creek Monastery - DV 61783 - JH-A

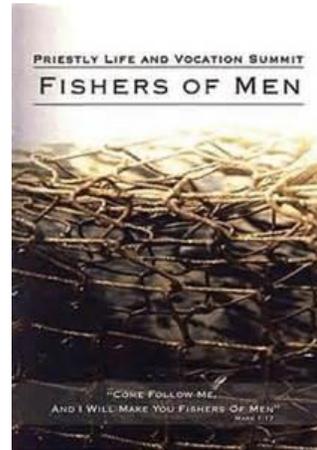
This documentary begins with the quote "A monk is he who directs his gaze toward God alone, and who, being at peace with God, becomes a source of peace for others." The program centers around the prayers of Divine Office that the Monks pray throughout the day. It is a documentary on Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Water Creek Monastery in Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Providing a brief history of the Benedictine rule since 6th century Italy, a closer look is provided as this 1500 year-old Benedictine tradition continues today at this very young monastery at the foot of the Ozark Mountains. This DVD provides an ideal resource of showing what a monk is, the centrality of the Eucharist within the monastic life, and the beautiful way the documentary divides time with the rhythm prayer. 40 minutes.

Exploring God’s Purpose for Your Life - DV 61655 - JH-A

In today's fast-paced and stress-oriented world, it is hard for young people to stop and search for God's will for their lives. A young person's life is full of decisions: what to do after high school; what career to pursue, whom to marry, and where to live. These are only a few of the questions they face. Without God's guidance, the future is overwhelming. Exploring God's Purpose for Your Life explores the path to finding God's will, helping young people to hear His purpose for their lives. This video contains six segments: God Has a Purpose for Your Life; Seeking God; Obstacles to Hearing God; Trusting God; Making Decisions; and Steps of Faith. A six-lesson guide is included. 40 minutes.

Fishers of Men: Priestly Life and Vocation Summit - DV 61113 - A

Fishers Of Men is a film intended to renew priests' sense of fulfillment in their vocation and to encourage them to draw on that satisfaction to invite other men to pursue the priesthood. The project was developed by the Bishop's Committee on Vocations. It is a fast-paced video which shows many of the facets of a priest's daily life. Several priests provide testimony to the importance they place on their own vocation. A dramatic re-enactment portrays how a priest can inspire a vocation through his service to someone in need of priestly ministry. The film is also intended to be used by priests in discussion with men considering the priesthood. Leader's Guide included. 18 minutes.



Religious Life: Absolutely Millennial! - DV 62218 - SH-A

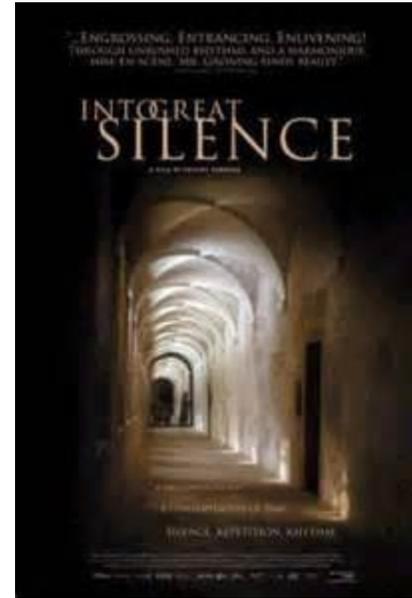
NRVC National Religious Vocation Conference 2012 A

We are introduced to eight millennials who at one point in their lives took a unique risk, if not a leap in faith to explore the option of being a religious sister, priest, or brother. Having now made perpetual vows in their religious communities, they will share with you what it was like to discern a religious vocation, what attracted them to their chosen communities, what sustains them today, and probably most important, what gives them hope for the future. By saying “yes” to God’s invitation to live a life of consecrated chastity, poverty, and obedience, they stand on the shoulders of countless faith-filled men and women who over the centuries, risked everything for serving God and the Church in this unique and joyful expression of Christian discipleship. We are invited to listen to their stories, reflect on their experiences using questions in this faith discussion guide, and pray about your own call to holiness and what it is that God is asking you. Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, NRVC Executive Director.

Films for Vocations Awareness Week (Continued)

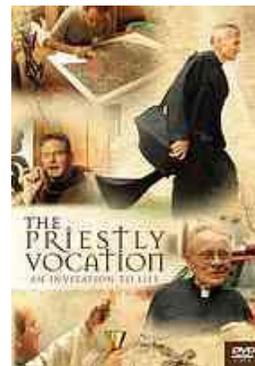
Into Great Silence - DV 61315 - SH-A

Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Groning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready. Groning, sans crew or artificial lighting, lived in the monk's quarters for six months - filling their daily prayers, tasks, rituals and rare outdoor excursions. This transcendent, closely observed film seeks to embody a monastery, rather than simply depict one - it has no score, no voiceover and no archival footage. What remains is stunningly elemental: time, space and light. One of the most mesmerizing and poetic chronicles of spirituality ever created, *Into Great Silence* dissolves the border between screen and audience with a total immersion into the hush of monastic life. More meditation than documentary, it's a rare, transformative experience for all. This director's two-disc special edition includes: Disc One, The Film: 1) Breathtaking 16:9 anamorphic transfer created from hi-def elements, 2) U.S. theatrical trailer, 3) Optional English subtitles, 4) Doubly Digital 5.1 soundtrack. Disc Two, Special Features: 1) One hour of additional scenes, including a piece on the Carthusian's world famous Chartreuse liqueur. 2) Night office: A 53 minute video excerpt of the monk's nightly ritual of psalms, lauds and matins. 3) Stunning audio and photo galleries of the Grande Chartreuse. 4) Video statement by Cardinal Poupard, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture at the Vatican. 5) Making-of dossier, with the shooting diary, behind-the-scenes footage and handwritten notes from the monks. 92 minutes



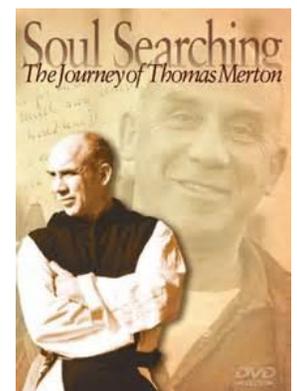
Priestly Vocation: An Invitation to Life, The - DV 61668 - JH-A

What does it mean to be a priest? How does a man discern such a calling? The priestly vocation is a counter-cultural one. Through the stories of priests of varying background in this powerful DVD, see firsthand how lives of love and self-sacrifice are more fulfilled than you could imagine. This program shows you: The priest as bridge builder - a connector between God and the people; ways to know you are being called; what questions to ask yourself, and of others. Priests give their personal experiences about how they discerned their calls. It shows the many facets of what it means to be a priest, including teachers, artists, chaplains, social activists, reconcilers, monks, and preachers. 73 minutes



Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton - DV 61539 - SH-A

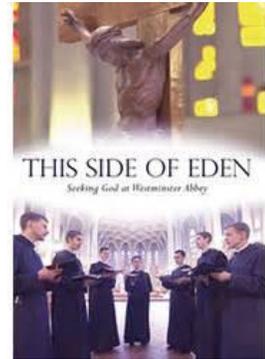
Here is the documentary that goes to the heart of Merton's spiritual journey. Award-winning producer Morgan Atkinson spent years researching Merton's work, as well as interviewing Merton friends, scholars and authorities on the spiritual life. Atkinson's cameras reveal life at the Abbey of Gethsemani, Merton's home for 27 years, as well as Merton's path in New York City, Redwoods Monastery (California) and Christ in the Desert Monastery (New Mexico). The picture that emerges from Atkinson's study provides provocative insights into the interior landscape of one of the spiritual giants of modern times while capturing the haunting physical beauty of the geography that both nurtured and shaped Merton. A book by the same title is also available. 67 minutes



Films for Vocations Awareness Week (Continued)

This Side of Eden: Seeking God At Westminster Abbey - DV 61975 - JH-A

From the grand to the mundane, life at Westminster Abbey in British Columbia is anything but ordinary. This film presents a poetic, compelling and richly intimate portrait of the daily life of the Benedictine monks, at work, prayer and leisure, with a focus on the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Young and old, able and infirm, the subtle splendor of their lives is interwoven with the quiet majestic beauty of the natural world that surrounds them. Stunningly photographed and thoughtfully told, this film offers a meditative glimpse into a unique way of life which is grounded on earth but lived looking toward eternity. Learn from the monks about what it means to hear the call, follow and love a monastic vocation in this pageant of liturgy and life. 96 minutes.



You Could Make a Difference ?Tu Puedes Hacer Diferencia - DV 61245 - JH-A

This resource aids groups interested in vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Viewers can examine what is need for public ministry and see if they know people, even themselves, who might be urged to pursue life as a priest or religious. Este recurso es de gran ayuda para grupos interesados en la vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida feligiosa. Los televidentes pueden considerer lo que se necesita para estos ministerios y ver si conocen a alguien, o si ellos mismos, pudiesen ser motivados a llevar una vida como sacerdote, religioso o religiosa. ENGLISH / SPANISH



NEW DVD:

VOCATIONS - WOMEN RELIGIOUS:

FOR LOVE ALONE: THE STORY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS: GIVING THEIR LIVES, FOR LOVE OF HIM DV 62341

Ignatius Press 2015 JH-A

Are women still becoming religious sisters? Is there anyone responding to the call? Are 21st Century women still interested in pursuing a radical Gospel life in the Church? What contribution does a religious sister make in the world? An unprecedented film on DVD from the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious and Grassroots Films, *For Love Alone* opens its audience to the lives of modern women who have responded to a personal call to follow Christ with the gift of their own lives. This inspiring journey showcases the stories of Sisters from multiple communities from their first hearing of the call to their daily lives now - praying, accompanying the poor, tending the sick, comforting the elderly, teaching the young, and protecting the most vulnerable. This film reveals the joys discovered by women who live FOR LOVE ALONE. **Themes:** Vocations, Religious Women



HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS DAY MEDIA

Holydays & Holidays: The Pumpkin Who Was Not a Squash – VC 11747 – 10 min. – EC-I
How Can I Celebrate Halloween: A Young Christian’s Guide to the Secular Holiday – DV 61018 – 23 min. – EC-P
Animated Hero Classics: Pocahontas – VC 11293 – 25 min. – P-I
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: The Making of A Saint – VC 13044 – 52 min. – JH-A
Brother Sun, Sister Moon – dv 61069 OR vc 11020 - 120 min. – JH-A
Communion of Saints – vc 11725 - - JH-A
Damien – vc 2318 or dv 61085 – 90 min. – JH-A
Divine Mercy: No Escape: The Life of Saint Maria Faustina – dv 61482 – 47 min, JH-A
Don Bosco – vc 11525 – 110 min. – I-A
Francis: The Knight of Assisi – vc 11315 or dv 61118 – 30 min. – EC-I
Gift of Katherine Drexel, The – 12517 – 28 min. – JH-A
Great Souls: Mother Teresa: Woman of Compassion – dv 61125 – 56 min. – JH-A
Heroes and Heroines Series – dv 61514 – 33 min. – P-A
Heroes of Faith – vc 12080 – 60 min. – JH-A
Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz – dv 61326 – 75 min. SH-A
My Catholic Family: Blessed Pier Giorgio dv 61491 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Anthony of Padua – dv 61662 -- 30 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Benedict - dv 61487 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Catherine of Laboure- dv 61883 – 30 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Catherine of Sienna - dv 61488 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Clare of Assisi - dv 61884 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Dominic de Guszman – dv 61885 – 30 min – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Don Bosco –dv 61569 - 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Edith Stein – dv 61663 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Faustina - dv 61489 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint John Vianney - dv 61490 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Loui de Monifort - dv 61664 – 30 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Margaret Mary - dv 61491 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Maximillian Kolbe - dv 61571 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Padre Pio - dv 61492 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Rita Cascia - dv 61665 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Rose of Lima - dv 61887 – 30 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Teresa of Avila - dv 61572 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Therese of Lisieux - dv 61493 – 25 min. – P-I
My Catholic Family: Saint Thomas More – dv 61888 – 25 min. – P-I
Padre Pio: Man Of God – vc 13060 – JH-A
Reluctant Saint: Francis of Assisi – vc 12877 -- 60 min. – JH-A
Romero – dv 61536 OR vc 11364 – 105 min. – JH-A
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: Baltimore Blessed - DV 61187 - 28 min. JH-A
Saint Rita - DV 61190 - 200 min. - JH-A

Please see catalog for many many more titles of saints.



Happy Thanksgiving

As we count our many blessings this holiday season, we are especially grateful for each of you whom we continue to serve. We ask God's continued blessings on you and your families.

Dcn. Larry Sitzman



MEDIA FOR THANKSGIVING

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving – dv 61481 – 25 min. – EC-A

The fun begins when Peppermint Patty invites herself and her pals to Charlie Brown's house for a really big turkey party. Good grief! All our hero can cook is cold cereal and maybe toast. Is Charlie Brown doomed? Not when Linus, Snoopy and Woodstock chip in to save the (Thanksgiving) Day. With such good friends, Charlie Brown - and all of us - have so many reasons to be thankful. This edition is guaranteed to bring on that grateful glow. Special Features include another story featuring the gang: "The Mayflower Voyagers". In this episode from the "This is America Charlie Brown Series", the Peanuts kids become pilgrims sailing to the New World aboard the Mayflower and enduring the first hard winter on Plymouth Plantation. All-New Featurette is "Popcorn & Jellybeans: Making a Thanksgiving Classic".



Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message – vc 12605 – 7 min. – EC-I

Known as the Thanksgiving Address, this Native American good morning message is based on the belief that the natural world is a rare and precious gift - from the moon and the stars to the tiniest blade of grass. Chief Swamp's inspirational narration in English and the Mohawk language, along with Erwin Printup Jr.'s majestic landscapes, make Giving Thanks a timeless celebration of the beauty and spirit of the environment.

Little Sparrow – vc 12263 – 30 min. – EC

In this Precious Moments Thanksgiving adventure, Timmy the Angel is given an important new assignment: He must find a way to help the people in villages who are about to be stricken with illness. The Native Americans have lived in the valley for centuries; new settlers now live across the river. Timmy helps Little Sparrow and Johnny find the health-giving berries and bring their two villages together in a spirit of friendship and trust.

MEDIA FOR THANKSGIVING (Continued)



Molly's Pilgrim – vc 12616 – P-I

Based on the beautifully sensitive book by Barbara Cohen, this live-action film examines the plight of a young Russian-Jewish emigrant who has come to the United States to escape religious persecution. It carries a message about American values: Thanksgiving, growing up, as well as religious tolerance, and can be shown on many different levels. Molly's class is given an assignment to create a doll based on a Thanksgiving theme. She encounters insensitivity among her classmates who make fun of her ethnic ways. Molly hopes that she can prove her knowledge of America and gain acceptance, but when she is unable to finish her pilgrim doll, her mother lends a hand and the doll resembles a Russian woman in traditional dress. To Molly's mama, today's Russian- Jewish emigrants are the modern pilgrims, seeking a new home for many of the same reasons. Molly finds the doll beautiful but is afraid that it will cause further criticism. When she takes it to school, there are tense moments. But eventually her class grows to appreciate Molly's plight as an immigrant and learns a valuable lesson in human relations.

Squanto And The First Thanksgiving – vc 12205 – 30 min. – P-A

Discover the moving true story of the Native American named Squanto, who is captured from his beloved Pawtuxet tribe, taken to Spain, and sold into slavery. Years later, Squanto regains his freedom and embarks on a miraculous journey back to his homeland where he teaches the Pilgrims how to survive the difficult early years in the Plymouth colony - culminating in the first Thanksgiving celebration. This is a touching drama about trust, faith and renewal.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS MEDIA

NOVEMBER 27 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” (Universal Norms, 39)



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS MEDIA – Please check catalog for more information.

Advent And Christmas Journey, An – dv 61247 – 125 min. – SH-A
Advent: A Time Of Hope – vc 11991 – 20 min. – A
Advent and Christmas Journey: I Hope In The darkness, An – vc 13046 – 22 min. – A
Advent and Christmas Journey: II The Second Coming Is Now , An – vc - 13047 – 24 min. – A
Advent and Christmas Journey: III Threatened By Grace, An – vc 13048 – 27 min. – A
Advent and Christmas Journey: IV Prophets: John, Mary, Joseph, An – vc 13049– 28 min. – A
Advent and Christmas Journey: V The Eternal Giving of God, An – vc 13050 – 22 min. – A
Advent: Celebrating the Season – vc 12685 – 12 min.,. – I-JH
Advent With St. Nicholas: Customs From Around the World – vc 12514 – 12 min. – P-I
Advent: Preparing for Chrtist, Cycle C - DV 62036
Alabaster’s Song – vc 12208 – 30 min. – P-I
Anabel’s Wish – vc 12209 - - 25 min – P-I
Angel’s Advent Lesson, The – vc 11990 – 11 min. – P-I
Bedbug Bible Gang: Christmas Show, The - dv 61047 OR vc 12749 – 23 min. - EC-P
Behold This Child – vc 11470 – 43 min. – JH-A
Best Christmas Pageant Ever – dv 61059 OR vc 11189 – 60 min. – P-A
Bible Animated Classics: The King Is Born – dv 61064 – 45 min. – P-I
Bugtime Adventures: Joy To The World– The Christmas Story - dv 61273 – 28 min. – P-I
Candy Maker’s Christmas – vc 12380 – 30 min. – P-I
Celebration of the Seasons of Advent And Lent – dv 61282 – 23 min. – I-JH
Celebrating The Church Year With Children: Advent – vc 11458 – 15 min. – P-I
Charlie Brown Christmas, A – dv 61480 OR vc 12111 – 128 min. EC-A
Christmas Box – vc 12110 – 90 min. – JH-A
Christmas Box / The Timepiece, The – dv 61284 – 91 min. – JH-A
Christmas Blessing, A – dv 61283 – 92 min. – Jh-A
Christmas Carol, A – (1951 version) – dv 61285 – JH-A
Christmas Carol, A (1981 version) – dv 61286 – JH-A
Christmas Child: A Max Lucado Story – 61287 – 96 min. – JH-A
Christmas Gift, A – vc 11094 – 8 min. – P-A
Christmas Shoes, The – dv 61074 – 94 min. – P-A
Clown Of God, The – vc 12606 – 10 min. – EC-P
Crippled Lamb, The – dv 61083 OR vc 12508– 30 min. – EC-P
First Christmas , The – vc 11489 – 23 min. – P-I
First Christmas, The - vc 12379 – 21 min. – EC-A
First Christmas Crib: A Story of St. Francis Of Assisi – vc 122121 – 12 min. I-A
First Christmas, The Chimes, and A Christmas Gift – dv 61109 – 52 min. – EC-A
Following Jesus through the Church Year: Advent Road – vc 114063 – 8 min. – P-I
Fourth Wise Man, The – dv 61115 - 72 min. – JH-A
Gift: A Christmas Story For Young Children, The – vc 12509 – 30 min. – EC-P
Gift of Love, The – dv 61308 – 90 min. SH-A
Go Look in the Manger and the Candy Maker’s Christmas – 61123 – 30 min. – P-I
Good And Perfect Gift, The – vc 11239 – 24 min. – I-A
Hermie And Friends: A Fruitcake Christmas – dv 61129 – 30 min. – EC-P
How Can I Celebrate Advent: A Young Christian’s Guide to the Church Year – dv 61017 – 27 min. – EC-P



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS MEDIA (continued)

- It's A Wonderful Life – vc 11811 – 132 min. – JH-A
Jacob's Gift – dv 61133 or vc 12507– 30 min. – I-JH
Jesus Of Nazareth Series A - Awaited Messiah – vc 11172 – 28 min. – JH-A
Jesus Of Nazareth Series B – Born For Us – vc 11173 - - 28 min – JH-A
Juggler of Notre Dame dv 61131 or vc 11753– 30 min. – JH-A
Keeper of the Peace: A Christmas Story – vc 12381 – 22 min. – JH-A
Legend of The Candy Cane, The – dv 61142 – 42 min. - P-I
Life of Jesus, The – dv 61526 – 45 min. – P-I
Little Brown Burro – vc 11093 – 23 min. – P-I
Little Drummer Boy, The – dv 61148 OR 11808 – 30 min. – EC-I
Little Shepherd – dv 61149 or vc 12780 – 25 min. – EC-I
Littlest Angel, The – dv 61147 or vc 12644– 24 min. – EC-P
Miracle On 34th Street – vc 11192 – 94 min. – I-A
Mouse In the Manger – vc 11878 – 19 min. – EC-P
Nativity Story, The – dv 61327 – 90 min. – JH-A
Nestor: The Long-Eared Christmas Donkey – vc 11809 – 30 min. – EC-I
Nicholas, The Boy Who Became Santa – dv 61165 – 30 min. – Ec-I
One Special Night – dv 61329 – 92 min. – JH-A
Other Wise Man, The – vc 11092 – 30 min. – I-A
Preparing For Christmas I - vc 11098 – 60 min. – I-A
Preparing For Christmas II - vc 11220 – 60 min. – I-A
Prince of Peace: The Christmas Story – dv 61179 – 29 min. – EC-I
Red Boots For Christmas – dv 61381 – 23 min. – EC-P
Silent Night – dv 61358 – 90 min. – JH-A
Stable boy's Christmas, The – vc 11095 – 25 min. – P-A
St. Nicholas and the Legend of Santa Claus – vc 12181 – 16 min. – P-I
Stories of Christmas.... dv 61459 – 53 min. P-A
Story of the Nativity, The – dv 61362 – 60 min. – SH-A
Story of the Selfish Giant: A Christmas Parable, The – dv 61204 OR vc 12248– 30 min. – P-I
Storyteller Café: The Gift – dv 61361 OR vc 12781 – 30 min. – EC-I
Three Christmas Classics.... dv 61208- 77 min. – P-A
Veggie Tales: The Star of Christmas / The Toy That Saved Christmas – dv 61474 - - 30 min. – EC-P
Veggie Tales: The Toy That Saved Christmas – dv 61231 OR vc 12137 – 50 min. – EC-I
Where Jesus Lived – dv 61243 – 75 min. – JH-A



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Requesting seasonal media early can prevent disappointment later.
Thanksgiving is November 24th. Advent begins November 27th.
Please check our web site for media suggestions. Feel free to preview.



As we strive to keep up with modern technology, the Religious Education Media Center is happy to announce that Online Resources are now available through our online catalog. On top of the Main page for the Media Center we have added two new categories, Online Resources and Online Resource Themes. To locate an alphabetical list of the 750 plus Online Resources, just click on Online Resources tab at the top of our Media Page. This simple click will take you to Online Resource Results where you may again choose to see a list of OA, OC, OL, OR, OT, OV or All. An alphabetical list of online resource titles will appear. A single click on any title will bring forth the details of that title. For example: Under OV - Number 2 title is: Advent in Two Minutes. Clicking on the title will take you to "More Detail" which provides a description, a Media ID Type, Length; Grade List, and URL. By double clicking on the URL number you will be taken to the proper link of this particular title. On the top of the Media Page is also an Online Resource Themes for locating items with specific themes such as Christmas, Easter, Prayer, etc.

Please try these great resources. I will also be adding dozens of new titles throughout the year. I would appreciate any new online resources that you would share with me via email. Thank you!

Please check under the themes of Advent and Christmas for several ideas such as...

- 1) **What is Advent Again?** This short 4 minute film explains what Advent is.
- 2) **Advent in Two Minutes.**
- 3) **The Meaning of the Advent Wreath.** Learn everything you wish to know about the Advent Wreath in this 5 minute film.
- 4) **The Story of Saint Nicholas for Children.** A 3 minutes film about St. Nicholas.





Finally, if you come across an Online Resource that could be of value to others, please send this information to the Media Center via larrys@scdiocese.org

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