

YEAR OF THE PRIEST 2009

These resources, some new, some quite old are a compilation of materials that represent the history of priesthood for the Year of the Priest.

Please take into consideration, what and how this is to be presented.

ANDREI RUBLEV Part 1 & 2 FFRF0001-2 185 Min. Russian production about a 15th-century monk (Anatoli Solonitzine) who perseveres in painting icons and other religious art despite the civil disruptions and cruel turmoil of his times. Director Andrei Tarkovsky visualizes brilliantly the story of a devout man seeking through his art to find the transcendent in the savagery of the Tartar invasions and the unfeeling brutality of Russian nobles. Subtitles. Stylized historical violence.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: EXPERIENCE OF PRIESTHOOD

SRVX0025 57 Min. Two men, with different styles of ministry, face similar challenges in the vocation of priesthood. One is the pastor of two parishes in Baltimore, the other is a pastor of a rural church. This video documents their faith journey as well as the challenges they face. Genuine insights, fears, and joys reveal the dynamics of the vocation.

ASSISI UNDERGROUND, THE FFX0025 115 Min. Alexander Ramati's documentary novel, filmed on location, tells the story of German occupied Italy, Assisi, where the Bishop of Assisi (James Mason) assigns Franciscan friar Padre Rufino (Ben Cross) to set up a network of places to hide Italian Jews and flee to Genoa, where they can board neutral ships. Sincere portrayal of the religious and of Christian resistance to Nazi inhumanity. Much menace and some stylized violence.

BECKET FFRF0003 150 Min. Henry II, King of England attempts to secure his throne by appointing his long-time wenching partner, Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. What ensues is an unexpected battle of wills as Archbishop Becket develops a genuine devotion to God and challenges Henry's royal edicts. **BECKET** takes us from the lustier pleasures of life to the fierce chasm between Church and State in this award winning film.

BELLS OF ST. MARY'S FFRF0005 126 Min. Director Leo McCarey's sequel to "Going My Way" 1944, pulls out all the emotional stops in a sugary confection that takes happy go lucky Fr. O'Malley (Bing Crosby) to a poor parish with a crumbling school run by overworked Sr. Benedict (Ingrid Bergman). Though their conflicting views on education have less to do with the plot than the chasm between their personal relations, Bergman's shining performance as the idealistic nun is still worth watching. Sentimental yet warm picture of Catholic life in an age of innocence.

BLACK ROBE FFRF0008 101 Min. After arriving in 17th century New France, a Jesuit missionary (Lothaire Bluteau), guided by Algonquins, endures both a dangerous journey through the Canadian wilderness and an Iroquois attack to reach a distant Huron mission. Only towards the end does director Bruce Beresford manage to put the cultural clash between the humorless priest and the unbelieving Native Americans in a moving spiritual context. Some brief but graphic violence and several shadowy sexual encounters with momentary nudity.

BOYS TOWN FFRF0009 94 Min. Sentimental but emotionally honest story of how Fr. Flanagan (Spencer Tracy) built his school for homeless and delinquent youths during the Depression. Directed by Norman Taurog, the Hollywood version centers in the conflict between the priest's charismatic powers of persuasion and a street-tough (Mickey Rooney) who only thinks he's hard-boiled. Tracy's Oscar-winning performance as a role model for those in need is a credible blend of the idealistic and the pragmatic.

CALLED BY GOD: WHAT IS VOCATION? SRVX0008 20 Min. Vocation is described in its broadest sense as an ongoing response to God. Persons in all states of life tell how they are responding to God's presence in their lives.

CALLED TO MISSION – coming soon.

CARDINAL, THE FFRF0013 175 Min. Otto Preminger directs an adaptation of the Henry M. Robinson novel about an American priest (Tom Tryon) from the time of his ordination to his nomination as a cardinal. As a dramatization of the humanity of the Catholic priesthood, presented amidst a heritage of liturgical splendor and realized with some sensitive performances, the production is absorbing entertainment. May be confusing for those unfamiliar with Catholic theology and practices.

CELEBRATING OUR CALL SRVX0009 30 Min. This program shows vibrant and compassionate religious men and women talking about their experience of religious life as they live it today. It discusses issues that impact them today: how call is experienced, importance of prayer in their lives, the arts as means of coming to an understanding of God, collaboration with other persons and groups working to build a better world, and hope for the future of religious life.

CHARGED WITH THE GRANDEUR OF GOD PSXX0004 18 Min. Upbeat look at the life and spirituality of the Catholic priest. As a spiritual leader, the priest hungers for holiness; illustrating that a priest's ministry to God's people is the foundation for holiness. The priests highlighted in the video depict the constant struggle a priest faces in trying to live a spiritual life in the midst of a material world.

CIGAR BOX RAY BIOX0109 31 Min. The video tells the life and work of Fr. Ray Herman who was a missionary priest to people who lived in poverty in Boliva. The video describes how he put into action the Gospel message of giving up all worldly possessions to follow Jesus in service to others. The video concludes with describing how he gave the ultimate sacrifice, his life, which ended violently and mysteriously.

COME FOLLOW ME! PRIESTHOOD SRVX0010 30 Min. The emphasis of this video is on the ministries performed by modern religious women and men. It shows single and formerly married persons considering religious profession and creates a positive and vital image of religious persons today. Professed religious describe how they came to recognize a call in the ordinariness of their daily lives.

COMMON THREADS: LIFE AND SPIRIT OF ST. ANTHONY CLARET SRVX0028 31Min. "On fire with God's love," Anthony Claret ventures throughout Europe to evangelize to the unattended baptized masses. The Claretian Missionaries are the successors of Anthony's fire. Venture into the various ministries of the Claretians.

DAMIEN THE LEPER PRIEST BIOX0007 96 Min. Based on an inspirational and uplifting true story, of a young priest that arrived on the Hawaiian island of Molokai with hopes of becoming the island's spiritual leader. But Molokai was no ordinary south seas paradise...it was the home of a tragic and forgotten leper colony which no man dared to enter. Father Damien struggled against incredible odds to help his people. Ken Howard as Father Damien and Mike Farrell as a leper. Consideration must be taken at the beginning, when Fr. Damien arrives in Molokai, he finds a brothel, and a love affair between an island girl and Mike Farrell.

DETECTIVE, THE FFX00090 91 Min. British adaptation of the adventures of G.K. Chesterton's amateur sleuth, Fr. Brown. Alec Guinness as Fr. Brown, the story offers a dandy mystery and some intelligent entertainment. The goal is to confront and reform the infamous Flambeau, an international art thief. The trail leads to an ancient Burgundian Castle in Rome

DIOCESAN PRIESTS IN ECUADOR SRVX0012 29 Min. Informational tape on the work of diocesan missionary priests from the Society of St. James the Apostle, Boston.

DON BOSCO BISX0006 113 Min. The viewer will admire the courage and insights of this gentle and ingenious man who founded the Salesian Order to care for hundreds of boys. Don Bosco heroism has inspired several others to follow him in ministry to the poor during Italy's industrial revolution.

EXPLORING THE TEACHING OF CHRIST: VIDEO 5 CTXX0017 90 Min. LESSON 26: PRIESTHOOD (15:30)

FATHER CLEMENTS STORY BIOX0010 98 Min. Confronted with the growing problem of homeless black children Father Clements (Lou Gossett, Jr.) asks his parishioners to consider adoption. He meets only apathy, and decides to adopt a child himself. Joey (Malcolm-Jamal Warner), a former gang member who is difficult and rebellious, is Father Clements' choice. The adoption proceedings anger the Church hierarchy and Cardinal Cody. Vatican approval of Father Clements' actions and Father Clements' strong determination and love, bring Joey into a workable relationship of father and son.

FIELD AFAR, THE: VOLUME 13: MARYKNOLL: MISSION HISTORY MLXX0075 26 Min. Since 1918 Maryknoll missionaries have traveled the world. Learn the original mission of the Catholic Mission Society. Recognize how priests, brothers, sisters, and laypersons continue the spirit of Maryknoll today. 13 Volume series with other commitments of priests.

FISHERS OF MEN: DVD - PRIESTLY LIFE AND VOCATION SUMMIT SRVX0034 18 Min. Gifts, challenges, hopes and dreams of diverse group of Catholic priests share their love of chosen path, what they hope to accomplish. Compelling and inspiring look at priesthood, produced in cooperation with USCC.

GOING MY WAY FFRF0025 126 Min. Bing Crosby ambles amiably through the role of Fr. O'Malley, the crooning curate sent to assist the aging, crotchety pastor (Barry Fitzgerald) of a poor parish in need of change. Director Leo McCarey's sentimental story is well paced with humor and songs such as "Swinging on a Star," but at its sugary center is the theme of new ways replacing the old as conveyed amusingly but with feeling by the two principals. The definitive Hollywood version of Catholic life in an age of innocence, the picture retains appeal today mainly as a well crafted vehicle of popular entertainment.

GREAT SOULS: POPE JOHN PAUL II: CRUSADER FOR HUMAN DIGNITY-BIOX0112 56 Min. Filmed on location in Poland, Rome, London and the United States. The life of this young Polish Catholic boy from aspiring actor and athlete to become the first non-Italian pope in 400 years. Helping to destroy Communism in Eastern Europe and transform the Papal's presence into the world. Through churchmen, friends, colleagues, historians, journalists and his personal biographer we examine the character and force that is John Paul II.

HEROES OF FAITH: INSPIRING PROFILES OF 11 EXTRAORDINARY CHRISTIANS BIOX0106 60 Min. This program presents 11 vignettes on persons whose achievements are rooted in their Christian faith. Witnessing the faith is the pervasive theme of this presentation. LAWRENCE JENCO (6:40) - Priest held captive in Lebanon.

I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME FFX0177 79 Min. Tom Courtenay portrays Fr. Mark Brian, a young Anglican priest sent by his bishop (Dean Jagger) to live among the proud Indians of the Northwest. The beauty, simplicity and fundamental truths of human existence in this primitive locale provide a backdrop for Brian's rediscovery of life, love, courage and dignity.

I WAS THERE, THE HOLY MASS – DVD SREX0107 30 Min. Originally done in Spanish as "Yo estuve allí" EWTN's animated feature of the early Christians who were persecuted for practicing "mass" the narrator of the cartoon tells a story of going to his bedroom, and everything was gone but a wall of files - all of things he said and did, both good and bad were there. Reading some, he becomes sad, when Jesus enters the room and reads all the cards, now knowing everything, Jesus puts his hands on him and just stayed close to him for awhile, turning he proceeds to again go into all the files, writing his name over the man's, taking on all his sins. Then Jesus takes him to Calvary, where he watches how Jesus was beaten, carried his cross and was crucified. Today, the man remembers, every time during mass, what Jesus did for him, and all the early Christians who carried on the mass. Now the priest becomes "Jesus" to share bread and wine with us. Even though this is animated, small children may get upset at the beating and crucifixion.

INSIGHT / REFLECTIONS: EYE OF THE CAMEL YMSX0049 20 Min Fr. Luis a young priest in Latin America stands up with the exploited parishioners under his charge and during a strike in the barrio, he is killed, bringing the Bishop to stay in the barrio for the causes Fr. Luis believed in.

INSIGHT / REFLECTIONS: SLIGHT CHANGE IN PLANS YMSX0059 20 Min On a South American business trip, John Hopkins joins a team of priests working in a Lima barrio and experiences God as never before. He comes home considering the priesthood, but he must tell his parents and the girl he intended to marry.

ISLAND SOLDIERS: THE HISTORY OF THE CELTIC SAINTS: PART 1 PART 2 BISX0077-78 In Ireland, Martin joins pilgrims at Patrick's Purgatory in Donegal, where devotees fast and remain sleepless to honor their saint. He visits the birthplace of Wales' patron saint, St. David, and the cathedral built on the site of the saint's first monastery. St. Samson's path to Caldey Island leads to the current home of the Cistercian order of monks. The influence of women in the Celtic

church is examined, and visits are made to the monastic remains at Glendalough and Clonmacnoise in Ireland.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS: ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA bisx0017 29 Min. Throughout his life, Anthony of Padua attempted to discern the manner by which God wished him to minister. Having pursued study, contemplation, and missioning, Anthony discovers his gift for preaching. Quotes from his writings serve as the foundation for this documentary.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS: ST. BENEDICT, GLORY OF BISXX0018 32 Min. In honor of the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St. Benedict, the twentieth century master Pietro Annegoni was commissioned to create a fresco depicting persons who influenced the spiritual life of the saint. Through references to these influential persons, the history of the Abbey at Monte Cassino and graphic depictions, one comes to know the person of St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS: ST. DOMINIC BISX0020 29 Min. As if spoken by the orator himself, the life of Dominic Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers, is revealed. Footage of his birthplace, religious milestones, and burial site are presented.

JOHN PAUL II: LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS BIOX0016 60 Min Produced on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his priesthood, this video is an intimate portrait of the life and ministry of John Paul II as seen through the eyes of childhood friends and church leaders. Included is film footage of the Pope's worldwide travels.

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM FFRF0032 137 Min. Underrated adaptation of A.J. Cronin's novel about a Scottish priest (Gregory Peck) sent to China at the end of the 19th century where he rebuilds a ruined mission, endures misunderstanding, war and disease but perseveres through humility and cheerful service to win many converts and friends until retirement in Scotland fishing for supper rather than souls. Directed by John Stahl the narrative is interestingly contrived and Peck's characterization is entirely likeable and sincere though, like so many vintage Hollywood pictures about religion, lacking much spiritual depth.

LEGACY SERIES: I:EXPLORING THE LEGACY SRVX0029 30 Min. Witness the evolution of the priesthood over 4000 years. Learn how the sacrament derives its biblical origins.

LEGACY SERIES: II:UPHOLDING THE LEGACY SRVX0030 30 Min

LEGACY SERIES III: CARRYING THE LEGACY SRVX0031 30 Min

LIFE WORK SRVX0033 60 Min. Priests, sisters and laypersons share the insights to the various ways of saying "yes" to Jesus and living the Christian Commitment.

MANY THOUGH ONE ECXX0017 29 Min. In Cairo, Egypt Catholics worship in seven different rites which are reminders of ancient church history, art, and traditions. Priests bishops, and lay people explain the practices and beliefs of their respective rites: Latin, Syrian, Armenian, Maronite, Coptic, Chaldean, and Greek Melkite. Presentation of Coptic monasticism, icons, and ritual is discussed. The role of the Latin Rite is discussed by Maryknoll priests.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE BISX0023 21 Min. This docudrama profiles the life of Maximilian Kolbe. The actual account of Father Kolbe's last days at Auschwitz is told by the man, Francis Gajowniczek, whose place Father Kolbe took. Scenes from Pope John Paul's visit to Auschwitz and the canonization of Kolbe complete this impressive story.

MERTON: A BIOGRAPHY BIOX0023 57 Min. The first comprehensive film biography of Thomas Merton - writer, religious philosopher and Trappist Monk.

MISSION, THE FFRF0038 125 Min. In the 1750's, the large and prosperous Jesuit Indian missions of South America were divided between Spain and Portugal. In retelling these events, Robert Bolt's screenplay focuses not on the religious but on the sociopolitical dimension of the colonial era and its injustices. The epic production is visually splendid, but Roland Joffe's direction is erratic and bogs down in contrasting a nonviolent priest (Irons) and one (R. DeNiro) who leads the Indians against a colonial army. Although flawed, the work recalls a past that provides a context for current Latin American struggles. Violence and ethnographic nudity.

MONSIEUR VINCENT BISX0025 100 Min. This feature length French film on the life of Vincent DePaul, has won many awards. Insights to French aristocracy, the Plague, poverty, and the foundation of the Vincentian Order are presented.

MY CATHOLIC FAMILY: 30 Min. ea... Early – middle grades.

ST. BENEDICT – DVD BISX0172

ST. DON BOSCO – DVD

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – DVD

ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE – DVD

ST. PADRE PIO – DVD

PADRE PIO : PRIEST OF THE STIGMATA: PADRE PIO : PRIEST OF THE STIGMATA
BISX0142 20 Min. This documentary goes beyond the miracles of the stigmata, and provide a glimpse of the humble Franciscan Capuchin monk. Original footage and photos introduce us to Padre Pio's life and faith.

PATRICK BISX0150 53 Min. Narrated by Liam Neeson and Gabriel Byrne shot on location, this new look at St. Patrick's life from slave to liberator; learning to forgive and ultimately love his enemies, taking up their cause and keeping Christian and Celtic faith alive. Filmed on location and actors in period dress recreate scenes with commentary from Frank McCourt, author of Angela's Ashes, on how a foreign evangelical would have interacted with the Irish.

PATRICK BRAVE SHEPHERD – DVD BISX0170 30 Min. Early-middle grades.

PILLARS OF FAITH: CELTIC SAINTS BIOX0126 50 Min. Informative look at the historic roots of the earliest Christians to reach Britain. Accurate reconstructions, local footage, contemporary imagery along with expert commentary and analyses study Desert Fathers, Abbeys and Monasteries and Celtic Spirituality: Menu: Desert Fathers; Origin of the Celts; Venerable Bede; High Kings; Saint Patrick; Abbeys and Monasteries; Saint bridget; Saint Columba; Saint David of Wales; Saint Aidan; Saint Hilda; Synod of Whitby; Celtic Spirituality

POPE BENEDICT XVI - DVD - PROFILE ON LIFE OF JOSEPH RATZINGER BIOX0134 37 min. Through an interpreter, the Pontiff's older brother Fr. Georg Ratzinger, narrates the story of Pope Benedict. From birth to present day, from the Bavarian towns of Freising and Munich where he grew up, his pastoral service and ultimately his appointment as pope. Video and photo archives with interviews with friends, fellow countrymen, schoolmates and schoolmates from the seminary, and with others who knew him.

POPE JOHN PAUL II - MINI SERIES FFRF0044 180 Min. Film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes-how he touched millions of people and changed the face of the Church and the world, as well as how he defended the dignity of mankind. A story about the Pope who successfully related to people of all ages. Shot on location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican. Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes.

PRAYER AND WORK: ST. LOUIS PRIORY SRVX0013 20 Min. This video introduces the life and mission of the monks of St. Louis Priory in St. Louis, Missouri. Insights of the monastic lifestyle are presented through film clips, interviews, and commentary.

RELIGIOUS CLASSICS:

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO: CONFESSIONS PSXX0080 25 Min.

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES PSXX0082 25 Min.

REVIVAL SRVX0014 15 Min. The growing and evolving role of Blacks within the Church and encourages Catholics to consider a religious vocation. Several religious, including Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, Terry Steib, S.V.D., share their insights and experiences openly and honestly. The vocation of Bishop Steib is chronicled against the background of a Black Catholic church revival, in which the preacher exclaims of himself; "...and he preaches so powerfully, he can't be Catholic!" Topics that concern young people considering vocation, including the issue of celibacy, the religious lifestyle, prejudice and discrimination within the Church, the opportunity to help others and pursue social goals, personal fulfillment and growth as a priest or nun.

ROMERO – DVD FFRF0055 105 Min. Powerful dramatization of the last three years in the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador whose condemnation of human rights abuses led to his assassination in 1980. John Diugan gets a brilliant performance from Raul Julia who gives an intense spiritual dimension that makes credible Romero's courage in condemning the immorality of a ruthless regime. Its graphic scenes of violence are not for the immature, most adolescents will understand the justice issues involved.

SAINTS, THE: ST. NICHOLAS: THEY CALLED HIM THE WONDER WORKER BISX0123 30 Min. St. Nicholas was a bishop of great kindness and protector of the faith. Learn of his childhood, piety, and visions as he battles Arianism. Greek Orthodox series.

SCARLET AND THE BLACK, THE FFX0340 156 Min. True story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Gregory Peck) a courageous Irish priest working in the Vatican during the German occupation, who devotes all his time and energy to hiding refugees and Allied POW's from Nazis by building a network of hundreds of people to help him with his efforts. Colonel Kappler (Christopher Plummer) the local Gestapo chief, learns of O'Flaherty's activities, but the priest has diplomatic immunity because of his Vatican post. Kappler orders that he be captured or killed if seen outside the Vatican walls. Pope Pius XII remains aloof insisting on the church's neutrality. Working closely with a brave widow of an aristocrat, O'Flaherty used disguises to slip in and out of the Vatican, continuing his dangerous mission until Rome is liberated and saving thousands from death.

SHOES OF THE FISHERMAN: DVD FFRF0057 162 Min. On the death of the pope, the process the Vatican goes through to select a new pope gives us a glimpse into this process. Uneven screen version of the Morris L. West novel about a Russian bishop (Anthony Quinn) who becomes Pope and decides that the Vatican's wealth be given to the world's poor gets lost in a series of subplots. Directed by Michael Anderson, there is a lot of religious pageantry and international intrigue, but mainly conveyed on a superficial level.

TAIZE - THAT LITTLE SPRINGTIME BIOX0029 26 Min. Moving documentary features an in-depth look at the ecumenical community of Taize and its founder, Brother Roger. Taped in France, the program centers on Taize's ministry of reconciliation and profiles the pilgrimages which travel there each year to celebrate Easter.

TEILHARD IN THE AGE OF ECOLOGY BIOX0030 60 Min. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was one of the most fascinating religious figures of the twentieth century. Only after his death were his major writings finally published. Ecologist Thomas Berry gives insight to the complexity of this man who dared to blend modern science and theology into a new trend of study.

WHO ARE MY OWN: ST. JOHN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE BISX0076 90 Min. This film depicts the fervor of John Baptiste de la Salle, founder of a congregation of teaching religious, the Brothers of Christian Schools. La Salle, a prestigious priest at the Cathedral of Rheims wanted to reach beyond the boundaries marked "rich and poor" by making education available to all children, a task challenged by the "establishment."

WINTER RAIN: THOMAS MERTON BIOX0031 60 Min. This one-man play depicts the spiritual journey of Thomas Merton. Insights to his anxieties, vocation, and humanity give credence to the spiritual wisdom of his writings.

WITH GOD IN RUSSIA: FR WALTER CISZEK BIOX0125 30 Min. Opened for canonization in 1990, Fr. Walter Ciszek's true story of incredible faith and trust in God. On location with footage from Russia, we hear of Fr. Ciszek's life caught between Nazi invasion from the West and Communism from the East. He gave the Catholic community hope and faith during a dangerous time, even leading to his arrest. Spending time in Gulag prison in Siberia for the next twelve years, continuing to offer faith and hope to prisoners. In 1963 he was finally allowed to go home, knowing that someday Russian Catholics would once again be allowed their religious freedom, even to the point of young Catholics, the future of the church.

YOUR CALL TO SERVICE SRVX0015 15 Min. This video features three modern priests living and talking about the priesthood. They talk about how it has brought them happiness, a love for people and a willingness to be a servant as Jesus Christ was to the people he came to redeem. Viewers are invited to think seriously of this joyful, fulfilling vocation.