

Awesome DVDs for the Year of the Priest

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Patrick is a docudrama produced by Faith and Values Media along with Vision Video. The DVD is 53 minutes long, narrated by Liam Nelson and commentary by Frank McCourt. The movie was shot on location in Ireland. I recommend it because of its youthful appeal and present the holy and human figure of St. Patrick.

Pope John Paul II, a DVD starring John Voight, Cary Elwes, James Cromwell, Christopher Lee, and Ben Gazzara, is one of the best films done on the subject. Copyright is 2006 by CBS Broadcasting.

Fishers of Men was sponsored by the Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation of the USCCB in 2008 and produced by Grassroots Films Inc. This 18 minute DVD on the priesthood is the best I've seen. The same disc has English and Spanish and a Discussion Guide comes with it.

Seelos: Tireless Intercessor is a 68 minute DVD featuring the life of a heroic and miraculous life of an immigrant priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. This Redemptorist missionary was beatified in 2000. He continues to work miracles today. The Mercy Foundation produced the film in 2006.

Father of Mercy: The True Story of Venerable Don Carlo Gnocchi is available through Ignatius Press. This powerful epic film 200 minute DVD tells the story of a heroic Italian priest who ministered to students, soldiers, and children during WW II. He began a foundation to benefit orphans which still helps thousands today. His cause for beatification is pending. Copyright is 2009.

Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love is also available through Ignatius Press. This is one of my favorite movies of one of my favorite saints. St. John Bosco is one of the patron saints for youth and youth workers. The DVD is 200 minutes and is filmed in Italy. Copyright 2006.

Bread of Life is a 30 minute film produced by Catholic Distributors in 2008. It dynamically presents the awesome gift of the Eucharist and the priestly vocation. I recommend viewing a ten minute excerpt with your youth, if 30 minutes is too long. I have several copies in my Office.

Witness to Hope: the Life of Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II is based on a book with the same title authored by George Wiegel. The award winning DVD is 116 minutes long and is the most complete and intimate film on Pope John Paul II. This is THE film to see on the life of the late great John Paul II. Copyright is 2005.