Sponsor Meeting #2 Sharing Your Faith in Film

When you go see a movie at a theater or rent a DVD to watch at home do you ever watch the movie in light of your Catholic faith?

Usually all it takes to recognize aspects of your faith in movies is looking a little more carefully at the themes, the characters, and the story line of the film. Sometimes the names of the characters, towns, or restaurants have a special link to our faith. Sometimes the connections to living a Christian life are easy to see. Sometimes sin is easy to see. Some films attack Christian values and other films uphold and defend them. Because media is such a huge part of our culture, it is important to watch with a faith-filled eye.

Sometime in the month of February (or before) you need to have a movie night with your sponsor. Watch a movie you choose together and then leave time for discussion.

Choose a movie from the list below. The ratings are listed next to each movie. Please check with your parents to make sure you have permission to watch the movie you have selected. If you think of a movie that has a good theme that is not on the list, ask me to approve it!

The Lion King – G
Finding Nemo – G
Brother Bear – G
Joshua – G
Hoosiers – PG
Simon Birch – PG
Soul Surfer – PG
Secondhand Lions – PG

The Blind Side – PG - 13

The Man without a Face – PG 13 Finding Forrester – PG 13 Lord of Rings 1, 2, 0r 3 - PG 13

Romero – PG 13

Remember the Titans - G

Spirit – G Jonah – G

Field of Dreams - PG

Rudy – PG Megamind PG

Dead Poets Society – PG

Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and Wardrobe - PG

Pay it Forward – PG 13 Entertaining Angels – PG 13 The Spitfire Grill – PG 13

Any episode of Joan of Arcadia (TV series)

Life of Pi -PG

Sponsor Meeting #2 Movie Night with Sponsor

Candidate's Name
Date of Meeting
Sponsor's Name
Sponsor's Signature
Title of Movie viewed

Some questions for discussion. No written responses are needed.

- 1. Where in the movie did you see characters using one or more of the gifts of the Holy Spirit? (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe)
- 2. Were there certain characters that reminded you of people from the Bible?
- 3. Do you think the film supported our Catholic beliefs or attacked them?
- 4. What connections did you see to scripture?
- 5. Did you see anything in the movie that reminded you of any of the sacraments? (Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Matrimony and Holy Orders)
- 6. What did you learn from the movie?
- 7. What are some of your favorite movies? Do you see Christian themes in them?
- 8. Can you watch a movie that goes against our Catholic faith and still learn something?
- 9. Will you watch movies with an eye out for the faith message?