



PROCLAIMING GOD'S NEWS

The Solemnity of Pentecost

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My dear friends:

May the Grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world, alleluia, alleluia!



These wonderful words begin the celebration of the Eucharist on this Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church! For those who believe in Jesus Christ, and especially those who are involved in the work of evangelization, each day is Pentecost and every day we strive to bring the Lord's Spirit to all those with whom we work, live and meet throughout our days.

This Pentecost Sunday and this newsletter, have a special awareness for me of how the Lord's Spirit fills the whole world! On Friday I directed the music for the Priestly Ordination of five new Dominican Priests. On Saturday, I attended two First Masses and this morning, I attended one more First Mass! I am always moved to see how everyone, priests, families, friends and especially the candidates themselves, respond to this particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These five new priests will go to the corners of our Eastern Dominican Province and one to Jerusalem to study Scripture at the Ecole Biblique.

It is the Lord's same Spirit that now sends me from the Office of Evangelization to a new ministry in our Eastern Dominican Province of Saint Joseph. I'll begin retreat on Sunday and will be given a formal assignment when my retreat ends at the end of June. I have really loved working with all of you, visiting the great Parishes of our Archdiocese, working with our priests and learning from Cardinal George and our Auxiliary Bishops.

When I began this ministry I sat at my desk one day and prayed that God would show me what He wanted done in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I quickly remembered the words of Saint Dominic, "My God, what will become of sinners if they do not know the Gospel?". The Staff and I have worked to bring the Gospel to more and more parishes and people of the Archdiocese and to give the tools to help each parish embrace the courage to deepen their living of the Gospel, and their love for Jesus Christ and the Church. Evangelization leads us to an encounter with

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Jesus Christ, which leads us to conversion, which prepares us for mission. Our encounter, our conversion and our mission is found in the Church and the Gospel.

I knew I had to consecrate the Office and the work of Evangelization to Our Lady, the Star of the New Evangelization. Mary, the first and the perfect disciple, will lead us to her Son; she is our Mother who provides for all our needs; and, her words "to do whatever he tells you" keeps ever before us that it is Christ whom we preach and Christ alone who will bring us happiness, peace and eternal life.

I'm thrilled by what has been begun through the Chicago Catholic Men's Conference, ENDOW (*Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women*), Bible Study in the Loop, parish visitations, Evangelization Intensives (as seen in Vicariate VI), Evangelization Institutes and last, but far from least, Catholics Come Home.org.

All of these are programs only serve to help us name our encounter with Christ. As contemporary Catholics the Spirit of the Lord must fill each of our lives first, that the same Spirit may fill the whole world.

I will leave Chicago on June 6, the feast of Saint Norbert. Norbert, like Saint Dominic a hundred years later, traveled the countryside preaching the Gospel for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of souls. Saint Norbert believed that no division could not be healed by the Eucharist; no dream not blessed when brought to the Eucharist; no greater place to be sent forth from to



preach, than from the celebration of the Eucharist. May we always remember one another at the Eucharist! May we bring the grace, healing, forgiveness and life of the Eucharist to all we meet.

God love you! Please pray for me, as I will for you.

In the Lord,

Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P.

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Our Moral Guide to the Movies

By Vicki Quade

I don't know about you, but I am fascinated with the possibility that there is alien life out there somewhere. Someone once said to me: "What if we're the only ones in the universe?" It seemed almost impossible to believe, given the size of the universe.

So I'm not alone in my fascination. Apparently our Pope shares that. He recently said it's perfectly acceptable to believe in alien life. Where else are we going to get more Catholic converts!

That brings me to my trivia question. The first 10 people who answer correctly will win a certificate, good for two tickets to any of the "Sister" comedies at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted, Chicago.

Question: What science fiction film featured the character: Robby the Robot? Send your answers and any comments to: info@nuns4fun.com. And check out the web site: www.nuns4fun.com

So...what to see in theaters...let's lump these into categories: Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell...

HEAVEN FILMS

Up

My favorite movie of the year so far. Really a wonderful look at our journey through life, the adventures we have and the people we love. Ed Asner voices the character of Carl Fredricksen, who sets out to fulfill his wife's wishes. Along for the ride is a young stowaway, an adorable Wilderness Explorer. The adventure takes them to South America, where they encounter genetically altered dogs, strange birds, and one crazy coot. I give this one four rosary beads. Definitely put it on your list.

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian

The original movie I thought was just okay, but I liked this one much better. Back is Ben Stiller as the security guard who has to save the day. This time he's at the Smithsonian to rescue his museum friends from the first movie. Amy Adams makes a perky Amelia Earhart, and Robin Williams is again terrific as Teddy Roosevelt. Lots of fun historic characters come to life and a few strange sea creatures as well. Three rosary beads for this one.

Star Trek

I've loved Star Trek for years, so I was really looking forward to this movie. And guess what? It's terrific. I've already seen it twice and I can't wait for the DVD. This is the origin movie, the story of how James T. Kirk, Spock and the rest of the Enterprise crew met and ended up forming their bond. It has humor, pathos, and good villain. Four rosary beads. Fun for the whole family.

PURGATORY FILMS

Land of the Lost

Will Ferrell plays a genius who figures out how to time travel, not forward and backwards, but sideways. Testing out his machine, he winds up in an alternate universe filled with dinosaurs, lizard people, and a feisty caveman. His other two companions came along for the ride: a fellow female scientist and a redneck carnival worker. Can they find the machine and get back home? Halfway through the movie, I didn't care. Who would like this movie? My 10-year-old neighbor boy. Filled with jokes about body functions, tame sexual references, and some cartoonish action scenes. For me, I give it two rosary beads.

Moon

Sam Rockwell plays an astronaut ending his three-year stint on the Moon where works for a mining company. His only companion is GERTY, the computer voiced by Kevin Spacey. After being severely injured one day, Sam wakes up to an unusual discovery! The movie begs the question: are souls only reserved for humans? It's a slow movie, but thoughtful and worth a look. You could save this one for a DVD rental. Worth about two rosary beads.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Another origin movie, but not as much fun as Star Trek. This one deals with how Hugh Jackman became the character Wolverine. He's not a bad guy, just a creature with a bad attitude. His brother, played by Liev Schreiber, is the family

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psycho who turns into the bad guy Sabretooth. Of course they have to battle each other to save the world. Probably a little too intense for young kids, but not too bad for your tween or teenager. Maybe two and a half rosary beads.

Angels and Demons

Tom Hanks is back as the Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon. This time he has to save the Vatican and the Papacy from the secret Illuminati. Of course there's a beautiful woman who helps him out. This time she's a scientist who has created anti-matter and must retrieve the vial before all of Rome is destroyed. If you liked the National Treasure movies, you'll like this one. Seemed like harmless fun. Two rosary beads.

Management

Jennifer Aniston is a traveling saleswoman who comes across a motel manager played by the sweet-faced Steve Zahn. It's love, but she doesn't realize it yet. So Steve has to chase her across the country to convince her they're meant to be. This is a movie with more adult themes of attraction, sex, and eventually love. Best for the adults. Two rosary beads.

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

Matthew McConaughey is what we call a player. His list of female conquests is longer than his arm. Both arms. Put together. So when he runs into his true love, Jennifer Garner, at his brother's wedding, Matt's life is about to change. Actually a cute movie. A nice date flick or something to do with your significant other. Two and a half rosary beads.

HELL FILMS

Terminator Salvation

How can you make a movie about Terminators going after humans boring? Well, here's the proof. Christian Bale plays John Connor as a leader in the resistance movement. Problem is, he's so lackluster, you can't imagine anybody ever following this guy. It's just not a very good movie. Skip it. One, maybe one and a half rosary beads.

The Soloist

Robert Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx are fine actors, but this story of a troubled musician who is discovered by a Los Angeles Times reporter is more of a shrug than anything. Not terribly good, not terribly bad. Kind of a waste of time. I suppose you could rent it and at least enjoy their acting. Maybe two rosary beads.

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