

IGNATIUS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES PRESENTS POPE JOHN PAUL II

Ignatius Press is pleased to offer this incredible opportunity for you and your parish, shrine, university, school or conference center to partner with Ignatius Press in the North American special **Ignatius Night at the Movies** program featuring the DVD version of the epic film, *POPE JOHN PAUL II*.

This film originally aired as a three-hour CBS mini-series on December 4 and 7, 2005, starring Academy Award- and Golden Globe-winning actor Jon Voight, who was nominated for an Emmy for his remarkable performance in the film. This movie was made in cooperation with the Vatican and received a blessing from Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Francis later canonized the beloved Pope John Paul II on April 27, 2014.

Ignatius Press, one of the world's leading Catholic publishers, is pleased to offer the DVD version of this incredibly inspirational and powerful dramatic film as part of this exclusive **Movie Night** package and as an excellent means of **whole-community catechesis and entertainment** as well as a superb **fundraising tool**.

This package is part of the highly successful **Ignatius Night at the Movies** program that hundreds of parishes, shrines, schools and universities across the United States and Canada have already participated in.

You can once again, or for the first time, be a part of this unique opportunity to reach out to and spiritually inspire parishioners, students, and the surrounding community by teaching the truths of the Catholic faith, and educating about the life and events surrounding this extraordinary saintly man and beloved pope. You will be able to present this amazing film on the "Big Screen"—right in your own church or school.

This epic movie beckons the viewer into the life of Karol Wojtyla, from his youth in Poland through his final days in Rome on the Chair of St. Peter. In addition to Voight's widely acclaimed performance as the older Pope John Paul II, Cary Elwes (*The Princess Bride, Glory*) gives a remarkable portrayal of the younger Wojtyla. Other notables include Ben Gazzara, James Cromwell, and Christopher Lee.

POPE JOHN PAUL II, filmed on location in Krakow, Poland and Rome, brings the amazing story of Karol Wojtyla up close and personal, from his struggles in Nazi-occupied Poland to his dealings with the Russians and their desire to turn his beloved homeland into a godless society; from his education in the underground seminary to his election, at the age of 58, as the first non-Italian pope in 455 years; from his athletic, theatrical youth to his physically depleted old age, to his moving and dignified death. This movie portrays it all in a way never before seen with a remarkable glimpse into the inner sanctum of the Vatican conclave and the making of a pope. It will move the viewer to laugh, cry and be awed by the privilege of sharing the earth for a brief time with this saintly man.

This DVD is 180 minutes in length and is in the English language with the option of offering Spanish subtitles. You may simply select which options you prefer for your Movie Night presentation from the DVD's on-screen menu.

Please take a few moments to check out our special **Ignatius Night at the Movies** website, <u>www.ipmovienights.com</u>, to learn more about this outstanding film, and to see why we are so thrilled about this incredible **Movie Night** package and your opportunity to spread the news! **A clip of this movie is also available for viewing on the website.**

We sincerely hope you will be joining us for **Ignatius Night at the Movies** as we present **POPE JOHN PAUL II.**

POPE JOHN PAUL II DVD:

Length: 180 minutes Language: English Subtitles: Spanish

Audience: Suitable for most audiences. Some intense war scenes and assassination attempt scene may be too intense

for younger children. Parental guidance recommended.

For specific details about the Ignatius Night at the Movies program, please see **Event Overview**.

For more information about this exciting venture, please contact: **Diane Hanson**, **Toll Free: 866-431-1531 ext. 5; Direct:** 734-455-1973; e-mail: dhanson@ignatius.com.

See you at the movies!