

A FILM MINISTRY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE LICENCE FOR THE DIOCESE

To all parish clergy of our diocese:

As you may know, the use of dramatic films in ministry is growing in popularity and has already met with much success. Popular films (carefully chosen) can contain powerful moral and spiritual messages and are easily accessible to a majority of people. The use of popular drama in church Bible study, service themes and celebrations, fellowship events, and youth programs is found to be effective in attracting congregations to educational programs and involvement in many church activities.

Some clergy and parish educators have expressed concern about public performance copyright licensing that is required to use these films in an educational setting.

ACF (Audio Cine Films) is a company that offers commercial film public performance licenses to non-profit organizations at a reduced cost.

OUR PLAN

The Resource Centre would like to purchase a “public performance” license for the whole diocese that would cover all parishes and groups in our diocese who wish to use commercial films in their programs.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO DO THIS – the cost of the license is based on an estimated number of viewers who would be likely to attend at any one performance. Please estimate the size of an average study group in your parish and send us a response by email before or by Monday February 4, 2008.

You do not need to have a program planned to respond – this is merely a show of general interest to calculate the license cost for our organization for one year. Those of you who are already using films in parish program, please **DON'T STOP!** We do not believe that anyone is patrolling churches (or schools) for their educational movie rental uses or that you are in immediate danger of being fined. We simply wish to honour the copyright laws and to encourage more people to feel free to participate in film ministry and make use of the films in our collection.

NOW AVAILABLE

The Diocesan Resource Centre has 96 drama DVD's (2 VHS) available for loan, selected for their themes of human insight, moral lessons and spiritual growth, that can be borrowed at any time for personal enrichment or for educational program. (click here to see the Drama DVD list on our webpage) link to:

[http://nspeidiocese.ca/resources/resource_lists/Film Drama List for Movie Ministry.rtf](http://nspeidiocese.ca/resources/resource_lists/Film%20Drama%20List%20for%20Movie%20Ministry.rtf)

We also have some DVD/VHS Bible studies, such as “Veggie-Tales”, covered by this license as well.

About 70 of our DVD dramas are accompanied by Bible studies from “Lights, Camera ...Faith! A movie lectionary” that include scripture, study questions, plot synopses, cast of characters and tips for leaders to help provide a positive and fulfilling experience that can attract your congregation to Bible study and other church activities.

As well, we have books on film ministry for loan that contain guidelines, leader's and planners tips, exciting presentation ideas and objective criteria for selecting and using dramatic film in church program, discussion groups, or personal growth and learning. (Click here [http://nspeidiocese.ca/resources/resource_lists/Film Ministry Guidelines Book list.rtf](http://nspeidiocese.ca/resources/resource_lists/Film_Ministry_Guidelines_Book_list.rtf) to see the book list in: "Film ministry guide line")

ACTION PLEASE

PLEASE DON'T DELAY -- send us your parish's estimate of the average numbers of potential viewers by MONDAY FEBRUARY 4TH, so we can apply quickly and put this license to best use in 2008.

Simply contact me (Lorraine Slopek) with your answer in writing at resourcecentre@nspeidiocese.ca

Thank you sincerely,

Lorraine Slopek
Resource Librarian,
on behalf of the Diocesan Resource Centre Advisory Subcommittee.

For more information about copyright law and ACF click here:

http://nspeidiocese.ca/resources/resource_lists/FILM%20MINISTRY%20--%20PUBLIC%20PERFORMANCE%20LICENSE%20INFORMATION.pdf.

Print copies are available at the Synod Office or the Resource Centre.