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**LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**  
**CONGRESS FILM**  
**SHOWCASE 2012**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012**

The **Center for Religion and Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University** and the **Archdiocesan Office for Religious Education** invites you to the 2012 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress Film Showcase.

As a Church, we recognize the great catechetical power that modern art and media has in forming the human conscience. One local minister put it best: "up until 50 years ago, people learned values, ethics, morals, and spirituality through their sacred texts and clergy. Today, much of our culture learns about these things through the movies. But what is really being taught in some of these films and what do the filmmakers themselves intend when creating them? How can we enhance our lives through a deeper understanding of this powerful media?"

With the rise of Cinema as the leading creative craft of the 21st Century, the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress Film Showcase was established to highlight cinematic work rooted thematically in Catholic social teaching, narrative tradition and spirituality. The Showcase shares excerpts from narrative feature lengths, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animation films with an international audience of Catholic educators, ministers, artists and fellow filmmakers from both the Hollywood and independent communities.

#### **About the Los Angeles Congress**

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in its entirety is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today it is so much more. Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 280 workshops covering a vast range of topics. The work of over 200 companies and organizations will be exhibited – ranging from religious art and music, to publishing houses and educational institutions.

#### **The Magis Award**

Derived from the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the term Magis (pronounced "màh-gis") is a Jesuit term meaning "the more." Intended as an expression of aspiration and inspiration, Magis refers to the philosophy of doing more for God, and therefore for others. With support from local sponsors, the Magis Award was inaugurated in 2009 to recognize the contributions of artists and supporters of socially conscious filmmaking. The award is presented by the Showcase supporters at the beginning of Showcase annually. Past awardees include Martin Sheen (2009), Wilfred Raymond, CSC (2010), and Rose Pacatte, FSP (2011).

#### **Submission and Entry**

Projects must be submitted in their entirety on DVD for consideration, along with a project synopsis and pertinent media information (list of awards, festival screenings, press releases, filmmaker biographies, distribution/retail information if available).

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Please note that THIS IS NOT A FILM FESTIVAL. The program is a "recognition of cinematic work;" exhibiting film excerpts only, similar to an award show format. Entry into the Showcase does not disqualify you from future film festivals. Student submissions are encouraged.

We are unable to present all projects submitted for consideration. Filmmakers will be contacted at a later date if their project is selected for the Showcase. Films will not be screened in their entirety. Selected filmmakers will be required to submit an excerpt of their projects (for time allotted by the Showcase) with a non-refundable \$55.00 submission fee. Projects will be projected digitally in High Definition (HD). Details will be made available at time of film selection.

Mail Submissions to: LAREC Congress Film Showcase; Center for Religion and Spirituality, Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Drive Ste. 1863, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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