

Diocesan Resource Centre -- January 2008

Film Drama for Movie Ministry -- Resource list

(listed alphabetically by TITLE):

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>13 conversations about one thing</i>	Sprecher, Jill	2001	Spiritual growth. Guilt. Complacency. Hope. Healing.	1	DRA DVD9
	The lives of five seemingly unconnected people, all at different stages in their lives and with distinctly different ideas about true "happiness", become delicately intertwined causing dramatic changes in their characters. Envy turns to compassion, rage is rewarded by emptiness, innocent bliss replaced by fear and guilt, and in the end, redemption -- a new look at everyday miracles that we have come to call "fate". (Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Alan Arkin, John Turturo, Clea Duvall).					1 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>A Beautiful mind</i>	Howard, Ron	2002		1	DRA DVD102
	The true story of the career of John Nash (Russel Crowe) a mathematical genius who is on the brink of international acclaim when he becomes embroiled in a mysterious conspiracy and suffers mental collapse. The loyalty of friends and the devotion and courage of his wife see him through an astonishing transformation as he struggles with his debilitating illness, long undetected, to be finally redeemed when he courageously teaches his gifts to others and his original insights are recognized as changing economic theory forever. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					2 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>A Cry in the dark</i>	Schepisi, Fred	1999	Faith, wrongfully accused, grief, truth, honesty, community, justice.	1	DRA DVD95
	This is a true docudrama of an Australian preacher and his family (Meryl Streep, Sam Neil) whose baby is taken by a wild dingo while they are on a camping trip. When the mother is subsequently accused of neglect and possibly the killing of her own baby by the police, the faith and courage of the parents is severely tested as an outraged community seeks a scapegoat in the absence of sufficient evidence of the truth. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 121 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>A Man for all seasons</i>	Zinneman, Fred	1966	Honour, faith, Conscience, redemption, corruption, abuse of power, oppression.	1	DRA DVD60
	Sir Thomas More, (Paul Schofield) England's Roman Catholic Chancellor, is forced into a difficult position when corrupt King Henry VIII (demands his approval to divorce his wife and marry his mistress. Torn between his conscience and his duty to the crown, he chooses to say nothing, his silence being the most powerful tool of all that causes the unfolding of a battle of wills and political intrigue that would influence the state of man, church and country. Rated G but most scenes are somber in texture with eerie music, and young children may not understand why he was beheaded. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 120 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Amistad</i>	Speilberg, Steven	1997	Social justice, oppression, slavery, american justice system, ethics, faith.	1	DRA DVD77
	Based on a true story, the movie chronicles an incredible journey of a group of enslaved Africans who overtake their Spanish captor's ship, La Amistad, and attempt to return to Africa. The ship is seized and brought to America where the slaves are charged with murder and imprisoned. As the Africans struggle for freedom with sincerity and faith, another battle arises between American thinkers at a time when the issues of human rights, slavery and freedom are fresh, as their decisions about this group of people will either challenge or entrench the American justice system. Rated R. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 155 mins.
digital video disc	<i>As good as it gets</i>	Brooks, James L.	1996	Gifts, interpersonal relationships, healing.	1	DRA DVD50
	Melvin Udall, a totally withdrawn, rich, cynical and hateful but brilliant romance novelist with obsessive-compulsive disorder, becomes inextricably involved with his gay neighbour's life when it is suddenly destroyed by a brutal crime, almost simultaneously with the disappearance of Melvin's favourite waitress because of her sick child. Surprising himself and everyone else, he reluctantly allows his love and compassion to come forth as he learns to accept that all this, including himself, may be as good as it gets, and he must use whatever he has to make it better. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 139 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Babette's feast</i>	Axel, Gabriel	1989	Passion, devotion, salvation, community.	1	DRA DVD86
	On the desolate coast of Denmark live two beautiful daughters of a devout clergyman who preaches salvation through self-denial. Both girls sacrifice youthful passion to faith and duty, and keep tehir father's tradiitons alive in their town long after his death, untila stranger comes and convinces them to try a french gourmet meal, scandalizing the townspeople and arousing passionate awakening amongst them. Rated G. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 103 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>Barabbas</i>	Fleischer, Richard	1961	Guilt, conversion, faith, sin, the Crucifixion.	1	DRA DVD73 1 digital video disc : col. ; 137 mins.
Digital -- spiritual video disc	<i>Baraka : A world beyond words / directed 1 and photographed by Ron Fricke</i>	DRA	Fricke, Ron DVD1	aspects. Geography -- photographic.	1994	Cultures of the world digital video disc : colour ; 96 mins
Digital video disc	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>			Pastoral ministry. Family. Good works. Forgiveness. Grief. Healing.	1	DRA DVD128 Winn-Dixie, a stray dog named after a chain department store, walks into the life of a young girl and her pastor father, just as they try to settle into a new town and rebuild a congregation and a life, while still suffering from the loss of his wife. The unfaltering faith and compassion of the girl, with the total support and inspiration of her dog, soon bring the town together in a mutual healing and a reawakening of hope.
digital video disc	<i>Becket</i>	Glenville, Peter	1964		1	DRA DVD114 The military friend of the immoral and indulgent King Henry _ of England is appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury for political reasons. As his responsibility gradually estranges him from the king, he discovers that a deeper part of himself is grappling with faith, repentance and the rights of the subjects under the king's oppressive rule. This is a great church history lesson for youth and adults alike with superb acting of Richard Burton and Peter O' Toole, but the 1960s hairdos and eye-make-up on the women may have to be explained. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.

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digital video disc	<i>Bee season</i>	McGhee, Scott & Siegel, David	2005	Family, spirituality, gifts, courage.	1	DRA DVD78
	A brilliant and loving but somewhat controlling father becomes obsessed with his pre-teen daughter's newfound ability to spell any word in the English language, and eagerly follows her climb to the national championship. A professor of Jewish theology and mysticism, he tries to develop in her an ability to perceive the mystical aspect of words that he never had, failing to notice that his neglected son and wife are seeking dangerous alternative routes to enlightenment. Only the child has the wisdom to see what is happening. Not your average family movie, but one of startling beauty and insight into a familiar family dynamic suddenly tipped in the balance. PG-13. Guidance is necessary for one scene of marital intimacy (no nudity) and one climactic scene with strong language.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Billy Elliot</i>	Daldry, Stephen	2000	Gifts, youth, faith, courage, forgiveness, compassion.	1	DRA DVD49
	A miner's pre-teen son in industrial Britain upsets his father by preferring to join the ballet class rather than learn to box. Recognizing Billy's talent, his teacher helps him to overcome his family's poverty and prejudice to get him an audition at the Royal Ballet school in London. This is a comedy, but also a serious struggle of a young boy achieving an impossible goal, against a background of realistic social drama laced with humour and exhilarating dance. PG.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 111 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Bringing out the dead</i>	Scorsese, Martin	1999	Faith. Compassion. Pastoral Care. Service.	1	DRA DVD43
video	A paramedic ambulance driver is driven to the edge of sleep deprivation and emotional trauma by being forced to work extended shifts on his job -- to fetch and bring in to the emergency room the victims of every kind of human folly and violent crime. Not only his physical and mental strength, but also his faith and compassion are tested to the limit, but through the numbness, the hopelessness and the horror, the purest and most Godly part of him and others shines through in the end. Rated R. Bible study available.					1 digital disc : col. ; 121 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Brother Sun, Sister Moon</i>	Zeffirelli, Franco	1973	St. Francis of Azzizi, servanthood, devotion, intentional community, faith, worship, piety.	1	DRA DVD76
	The story of the young Saint Francis of Azzizi, a son of a rich merchant and indulgent but religious and doting mother, with every advantage in life, who returns from a Crusade battle completely changed. He then sees through material existence to one of deeper spirituality and peace but a simpler lifestyle in accordance with nature as God's precious gift. At the risk of seeming to be a mindless lunatic, he begins to express his theology in dialogue, songs and poetry, and starts a religious community by rebuilding a nearby chapel in the wilderness, where he is gradually joined by others. The realistic and vibrant beauty of Zeffirelli's style make this a timeless piece for youth and adults. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 121 mins.

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>Changing lanes</i>	Michell, Roger	2002	Materialism, selfishness, revenge, hostility, generosity of spirit, forgiveness, reconciliation.	1	DRA DVD87

An upwardly mobile lawyer, having a tense day, thoughtlessly rushes away and ruins an unseen client's chance of retaining contact with his children in a custody case. The tables turn when the client finds the lawyer's document brief, without which he could be ruined. As the two become aware of each other's situation through threatening telephone calls and frantic actions, emotions escalate almost out of control, but the day comes to a surprising end as self knowledge causes the best in each one to surface. Rated R. 1 digital video disc : col. ; 98 mins.

Digital video disc	<i>Chocolat</i>	Halstrom, Lasse, director	2000	Romantic comedy. Parenting. Interpersonal relationships. Community. Morality.	3	DRA DVD17
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A single mother and her daughter wander into a small French village to settle and set up a chocolat shop, much to the consternation of the conservative and prejudiced mayor, who is in denial about his wife having left him. The mother's sharing of her exotic tastes and worldly knowledge, coupled with a kind and insightful personality, present a challenge to the mayor's control over the opinions and customs of his community, which in turn puts the village priest into a quandry, especially when the newcomer befriends the gypsies camping along the river. She herself must decide whether to give up on this community and continue to wander, or to finally give her little girl a home. To be used with the Lenten Bible study: "Chocolate for Lent".(EA -- b1407) 1 digital video disc : colour ; 2 h. 1 min. + features

digital video disc	<i>City of joy</i>	Joffe, Roland	1992	Mission, healing, gifts, courage, faith.	1	DRA DVD55
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An disillusioned American surgeon (Patrick Swayze) who has quit medicine and travelled to India after a young patient has died on his operating table, is challenged when he meets a British nurse running a free clinic in Calcutta. He is himself transformed as they are compelled to join together with an illiterate Indian farmer in a seemingly hopeless purpose, to save the clinic and transform a Calcutta ghetto. Stirring music from Ennio Morricone and masterful direction coupled with richly textured cinematography make this film a uniquely moving and inspiring experience. Rated PG-13. Bible study available. 1 digital video disc : col. mins.

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>Close encounters of the third kind</i>	Speilberg, Steven	1977	Faith, human relationships, science fiction.	1	DRA DVD65
	With the grace, humour and family drama, as well as exquisitely real special effects, that we have come to know Spielberg for, this film is about the belief and trust of individuals experiencing a close encounter with aliens. A metaphor for the desire to meet God, the story is played out as a "what if" scenario -- what if there were sociologists, scientists, and political leaders on board to express who we are as humans and communicate, meet and cooperate with our visitors? Richard Dreyfuss plays the central character who is on a personal journey to the unknown for which he must risk all and sacrifice everything familiar in his life. Rated PG. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Contact</i>	Zemeckis, Robert	1997		1	DRA DVD108
	A young female scientist (Jody Foster) has become professionally obsessed with her research that requires patient monitoring of signals from outer space to discover other life in the universe. Driven by loneliness and independence at the loss of her father, she in fact does receive contact from something, but the representation for her achievement is stolen from her primarily because of her disbelief in the existence of God. Her journey is to discover what the desire of ages may really be to each individual soul and to heal her grief in the process. Rated PG. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Cries and Whispers / Directed by Ingmar Bergman</i>	Bergman, Ingmar	1972	Human Relationships	1	DRA DVD2
	Karin and Maria come to the aid of their dying sister Agnes, but jealousy and pettiness and selfishness of her sisters try the strength of Agnes' soul and she must transcend their concerns.. Award-winning cinematography; 52-minute interview with Bergman. Rated PG.					
Digital video disc	<i>Dead Man Walking</i>	Robbins, Tim, writer/director	1995	Redemption, sin, repentance, atonement, faith. Pastoral ministry.	1	DRA DVD34
	Inspired by a true story; a compassionate nun (Susan Sarandon) is assigned to be the spiritual advisor to a convicted murderer with an angry, vicious and complex personality (Sean Penn) awaiting execution. Suspense builds as she struggles to plumb the depth of his soul and his guilt enough to bring him to repentance before death, a journey that makes her question the nature of evil and redemption, summons extraordinary courage and diligence in her and causes a pivotal transformation in him. Rated Restricted for one depiction of rape and murder near the end of the film (flashback of the crime). Bible study available.					

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digital video disc	<i>Edward Scissorhands</i>	Burton, Tim	1990	Gifts, compassion, humanity, spirituality.	1	DRA DVD92
	A grandmother (Wonona Ryder) tells this surreal story of her youth in a small southern suburban town overlooked by a castle to explain why it snows to her granddaughter. Edward (Johnny Depp) is a trusting youth saddened by the death of his father (Vincent Price) who created him from scratch but died before completing his hands. Edward lives in isolation for a time using his artistic ability and sharp knives for hands to sculpt beautiful shrubberies until he is discovered by the Avon lady and taken to live with her family. Essentially a comedy, this story also reveals the tragedy of human nature in not accepting each other's unusual gifts. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Erin Brockovich</i>	Soderbergh, Steven	2006	Social and legal justice, courage, honour, gifts, diligence.	1	DRA DVD97
	A single mother (Julia Roberts), desperate for a job, convinces a lawyer to hire her, seemingly without qualifications and with a somewhat raucous streetwise personality. Her real character is shown in her unrelenting hard work and ability to relate to "ordinary" people as she collects evidence that foils a giant corporation with high-powered lawyers who are trying to escape responsibility for industrial negligence that is the direct cause of cancer in an entire community. Rated 14-A Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 131 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Fearless</i>	Weir, Peter	1993	Spiritual growth, grief, healing, family, love.	1	DRA DVD74
	A successful architect, with a fear of flying, is on a flight with his partner and friend, and is gripped by an overwhelming clarity and fearlessness when it becomes apparent that the plane is going to crash. Although he cannot save his friend, his calmness allows him to save himself and others. Convinced he cannot die, he begins a strange journey, rediscovering his own nature and the true nature of those around him, and eventually helps another survivor of the crash who has collapsed with grief over the loss of her baby. Rated R. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 122 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Flatliners</i>	Schumacher, Joel	2001		1	DRA DVD68
	A group of five over-achieving medical students, driven by the desire for a scientific answer to the existence of life after death, create a methodical experiment that allows them, one at a time, to clinically "flatline" and then be revived by the team, only to discover that their past sins, or any unfinished business, must be atoned for before crossing that threshold, or they will physically cross back and haunt them. This is classified as "horror" for supernatural content, but the real horror lies in the fear that we may not have time to atone for all of our sins before we have to pay for them in kind. Rated R. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 114 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>Forrest Gump</i>	Zemeckis, Robert	1994	Innocence, social justice, war, politics, honour, truth, honesty.	1	DRA DVD88
	The timeless allegorical journey of a mildly "challenged" boy with the exceptional insight of the innocent into life and the behaviour of humans around him. (Tom Hanks) His time is one of change for the world and through his naive but accepting eyes as an adult we witness the extremes of tragedy and hope of the political and social conflict of the sixties that held the seeds of the state of our culture today. Rated Pg-13. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 141 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Gandhi</i>	Attenborough, Richard, producer and director	1982	British Colonial rule in India; passive resistance ; oppression -- spiritual aspects	1	DRA DVD5
	The story of the life and principles of the Mahatma Gandhi who was not a ruler or a scientist but a professional man working in western culture who possessed extraordinary vision and compassion. He returns to his own country, India, and by creating a small spiritual community eventually led a whole country of people to freedom from British military rule by giving them hope and spiritual identity. Starring Ben Kingsley. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc ; 190 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Girl, interrupted</i>	Mangold, James		Healing, interpersonal relationships, spiritual growth.	1	DRA DVD52
	A teenage girl's life as she perceives it is interrupted when she is compelled to receive therapy for a depressive disorder. Her defensive resistance to therapy is an obstacle to healing herself, until she discovers herself as a person of compassion and insight into the illnesses and humanity of other patients. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Good Will Hunting</i>	Van Sant, Gus	1997	Gifts, courage, healing.	1	DRA DVD96
	A youth (Matt Damon) working as a janitor in an ivy-league college covertly reveals his unacknowledged genius by solving a complex math problem. The professorial staff, meeting with defiance as they welcome and try to instate the boy in a program of education, call upon the one person who can possibly help and understand him, a compassionate and wise doctor (Robin Williams) with a reputation for wasting his own genius. As they work together, the doctor must also find redemption for his own life choices by awakening hope, self-acceptance and healing in his patient. Rated R. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 126 mins.

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>Ground Hog Day</i>	Harold Ramis, Director	1993	Romance/ comedy/ fantasy. Personal transformation. Spiritual Development. Community.	1	DRA DVD11
	<p>A cynical, self-absorbed, ambitious weather man finds himself stuck in time when he goes to a small town outside of Pittsburg to cover the Ground Hog Festival that he abhors. Waking up in the same day, Ground Hog Day, over and over again, he journeys through stages of personal transformation, from taking advantage of there being no consequences to his actions, to self-destruction, depression and frustration in love -- not until he is humble enough to know who he must be to win the love of his pretty producer, does he use the gift to change himself and becomes totally involved in the community. An hilarious comedy with serious spiritual content, brilliantly written and directed by Harold Ramis, one of Bill Murray's best performances. Completely free of foul language or sexual inference! Rated PG. Bible study available.</p>					1 digital video disc ; 101 mins
digital video disc	<i>Hamlet</i>	Zeffirelli, Franco	1990	Betrayal, sin, sacrifice, despair, healing, redemption, truth, faith.	1	DRA DVD79
	<p>Prince Hamlet of Denmark is thrown into a crisis of faith in God and humanity when he discovers that his father has been murdered by his uncle in order to marry his mother and inherit the throne. His anguish and despair are expressed largely in soliloquy addressed to God and to himself, and lead him to sacrifice himself to reveal the truth. Mel Gibson delivers a startlingly evocative performance, giving a natural and compelling comprehensibility to Shakespeare's language, making this performance one of the best for youth as well as adults, and is often used in high schools for its quality of production and direction, inspiring values and accessibility to the Bard's work. Rated PG.</p>					1 digital video disc : col. ;135 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Home for the holidays</i>	Foster, Jodie	1995	Family, relationships, reconciliation, forgiveness, thanksgiving.	1	DRA DVD63
video	<p>On the day she travels home for Thanksgiving, a thirty-something single mom loses the only job she's ever loved, catches a cold, is told that her 16-year-old is planning to have sex while she is away, loses her best winter coat at the airport, and has to wear her mother's '70s puff-coat throughout the holiday weekend -- only the start to the string of funny, sad and humbling mishaps in store for her in this both painful and witty comedy of a typically horrendous family weekend that ends in revealed truths, heartfelt memories and unexpected love. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.</p>					1 digital disc : col. ; 103 mins.

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>Italian for beginners (attendance optional, passion required)</i>	Sherfig, Lone, director	2000	romantic comedy / human relationships	1	DRA DVD4
	A warm and playful story about seven perfect strangers of diverse and opposing personalities who sign up for an Italian class that changes each of their lives as they discover unexpected connections and commonalities. They finally come together to go to Italy where romance inevitably blossoms and turns to love. Rated PG-13.					1 digital video disc ; 1 hour 37 mins. In Danish/ Italian w English subtitles.
digital video disc	<i>It's a wonderful life</i>	Capra, Frank	1946	Gifts, honour, family, love, humility, despair, healing, meaning of Christmas.	1	DRA DVD81
	The classic Christmas story of a good man whose adventurous boyhood dreams are continually sacrificed for family, community and circumstances, keeping him in his hometown, until a financial catastrophe causes him to feel he's worth more dead than alive. This is when Clarence the bumbling Angel steps in, who, in order to earn his wings, is assigned the difficult task of showing him the true worth of his life in the simple things he has done for others since he was a child. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 130 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Jesus of Nazareth</i>	Zeffirelli, Franco	1977	Life of Jesus.	1	DRA DVD93
video	Zeffirelli's epic portrayal of the life of Jesus is done with authenticity using accessible and natural language while adhering to the essential gospel story. With beauty and simplicity, the director's mastery allows viewers of all ages to experience Jesus and his family, the Apostles and biblical characters as they would have lived in the historical setting of His time, and to understand the full meaning of His life, death and resurrection. Not Rated.					2 digital discs : col. ; 382 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Leap of faith</i>	Pearce, Richard	1992	Faith, epiphany, conversion, healing.	1	DRA DVD46
	A group of revivalists, who make their living by travelling and putting on a extravagant show of praise, witness and supposed healing, becomes stranded with car trouble in a small town of naive and largely unemployed people where they decide to stage their revival in order not to lose money. The charismatic but cynical and unbelieving preacher is suddenly affected by the faith of the townspeople, particularly one crippled boy, and undergoes an epiphany that allows him to redeem himself. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 107 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>Life as a house</i>			Healing, family, interpersonal relationships, grief, gifts.	1	DRA DVD57
; 104	A creative architect (Kevin Kline) in mid-life finds himself in one day deemed expendible at his job and also diagnosed with terminal cancer. Wanting to reconnect with his troubled teenage son before he dies, he involves him in a project of tearing down his own father's disfunctional legacy in the shape of his old house and building a new one. With each stage of the project, as the neighbours, ex-wife and extended family become involved, new truths about love and the meaning of his life come to light. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Life is beautiful</i>	Benigni, Roberto	1998		1	DRA DVD126
video	Guido, a charming but bumbling waiter who is gifted with a colourful imagination and irresistible sense of humour, has created a beautiful life for his family when world War II hits, and Guido must use those same gifts to save hiis wife and family from an unthinkable fate. An inspired story that is internationally critically acclaimed. Not rated. Bible study available. Rated PG.					
	1 digital disc : col. ; 116 mins.					
digital video disc	<i>Lillies of the field</i>	Nelson, Ralph	1963		1	DRA DVD100
	A drifter-handyman (Sydney Poitier) with a cynical attitude happens upon an impoverished community of nuns in the soutwest who must somehow rebuild their chapel or face losing all. At first reluctant and derisive toward their impractical hope, and seeing no benefit to himself without wages, he refuses, but unexpectedly finds something of a better nature within himself that cannot resist helping them, and his newfound humility and perseverance awakens the same reaction in the previously indifferent villagers to finish the job. Not Rated. Bible study available.					
Digital video disc	<i>Luther</i>	Till, Eric, director	2003	Martin Luther. Protestant Reformation -- history.	1	DRA DVD14
colour ; 2	Regional princes and the powerful Church weild a firm and merciless grip on 16th - century Germany, but when Martin Luther issues a shocking challenge to their authority, the people declare him their leader. Even in the face of death, Luther doesn't back down, and a revolution is sparked that shakes the entire continent to its core. Joseph Fiennes plays Luther; original music by Richard Harvey; director of Photography: Robert Fraisse. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Mr. Holland's Opus</i>	Herek, Stephen			1	DRA DVD111
	A dedicated music teacher spends his life bringing out the best in his students while putting aside his own musical work and questions the worth of his life as he approaches retirement age without using what he thinks to be his primary gift. His awakening is to see that his true "opus" is not necessarily what he failed to produce for himself but the expression of talent and beauty in the hundreds of children in whom he fostered the gift. Bible study available.					
	1 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.					

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digital video disc	<i>My life</i>	Rubin, Bruce Joel	2003	Illness, grief, humility, faith, family, love.	1	DRA DVD69
	A man who is diagnosed with terminal cancer, changes his perception of his problems and family issues and discovers the true worth of his "average" life with its simplicity and real love. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 117 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Nell</i>	Apted, Michael	1994		1	DRA DVD106
	Based on a true case history of a young woman with a speech disorder caused by being raised in the complete isolation of the North Carolina mountains by her grandmother, who is discovered by a local doctor when her grandmother dies. With the help of another doctor, he seeks to protect her from scientific study as she displays hostile and uncontrollable behaviour. As he unravels the mystery of her past and her disorder, he finds himself to be transformed by her innocence and spiritual wisdom. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 113 mins.
digital video disc	<i>October sky</i>	Johnston, Joe	1998		1	DRA DVD99
	Set in the time of the first Russian Sputnik launch, a young American boy is inspired and determined to build a model rocket that will work just like the real thing. Helped by his teacher and friends but discouraged by others, he gradually becomes the hero of his small community as he overcomes all obstacles to achieve his dream. Rated 14-A. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 108 mins.
digital video disc	<i>One true thing</i>	Franklin, Carl	1998	Family, love, forgiveness, grief, healing.	1	DRA DVD59
	A young woman disrupts her work and life begrudgingly to return to her somewhat dysfunctional family home for Christmas in order to help her mother, who has been diagnosed with cancer. This is a time of discovery and sudden maturity as she unravels the truth about her self-absorbed father and what had seemed to her to be her mother's joyous obsession with servitude to her father, the church and the community. Rated R. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 128mins.
digital video disc	<i>Phenomenon</i>	Turteltaub, Jon		Gifts, faith, love, grief.	1	DRA DVD61
	A kind and friendly man living a simple life in a small farming community, returning home from his own birthday party, is suddenly overwhelmed by an engulfing flash of light from the sky. From that point forward he possesses a kind of genius: he is able to understand and solve complex scientific problems and his personality drives him to use this ability to help others. The questions of what a life can be worth to others is answered in this film by the choices he makes when he discovers that his gift is short-lived. Rated PG Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 123 mins.

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>Places in the heart</i>	Benton, Robert	1984		1	DRA DVD110
	In the depression torn 1930s Texas town of Waxahachie, Edna Spalding (Sallie Field) faces and unending struggle against the physical hardship and bigotry of the times, and emotional upheaval in the array of characters she is entangled with. This is a portrait of a time and a people, recalled from the book's author's childhood, that portrays love, faith, courage and endurance of the human heart. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 102 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Planes, trains and automobiles</i>	Hughes, John	1987	Thanksgiving, compassion, "love thy neighbour", family, adversity.	1	DRA DVD47
	A reserved and uncomplaining business man (Steve Martin), already made late by his self-absorbed colleagues at a meeting, struggles to travel home in time for Thanksgiving. His patience and tolerance are tested to the limit from the time he enters the street to catch a cab --the same brash but jovial salesman (John Candy) is in his way, stealing his cab, talking his ear off on the plane, and eventually sharing all his hard luck and awakening hope, acceptance and true thanksgiving by trying to help him. This is an hilariously funny contrast between two very different people under the stress of unexpected mishap travelling together. One scene with uncharacteristic "language" for comedic effect. Rated R.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 92 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Pollyanna</i>	Swift, David		Love, generosity, joy, kindness.	1	DRA DVD83
	This somewhat "fluffy" and romantic hollywood version of the wonderful children's book is nonetheless superbly enjoyable due to the extraordinary talent of Hayley Mills and other well-known actors of the 1960s. The story of an orphaned girl who comes to live with her rich aunt after the death of her impoverished and wise minister father, teaches a valuable lesson to the adults around her about love, humility, honesty and generosity of spiritual and material gifts and changes all their lives by simply finding something to be "glad" about in every occurrence.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Powder</i>	Salva, Victor		Prejudice. Compassion. Hope.	1	DRA DVD44
	A shy reclusive teenager whose albino complexion arouses taunts and cruelty amongst his peers, emerges from long isolation and enters the school system after his grandfather's death, when he is helped by a compassionate social worker and a schoolteacher. Ridiculed and ostracized, "Powder" is driven to display his mysterious power which changes the lives and attitudes of those around him. Bible study available. Rated PG.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 112 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>Rabbit-proof fence.</i>	Noyce, Phillip, director	2002	Racism. Oppression. Social justice.	1	DRA DVD7
	Based on the novel by Doris Pilkington Garimara (based on a true story): at a time when it was Australian Government policy to train Aboriginal children as domestic workers, young Molly Craig leads her sister and cousin in a daring escape and begins a long courageous journey to survive while eluding authorities. Everlyn Sampi, Kenneth Branagh. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc ; 94 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Rain Man</i>	Levinson, Barry	1988		1	DRA DVD54
video	Charlie Babbit, a self-absorbed high rolling car dealer finds himself in dire financial need at the time of his estranged and wealthy father's death. He is enraged and hurt to find his father has left his millions to Charlie's autistic-savante older brother Raymond that Charlie never knew he had. At first only for the money, he takes Raymond "hostage" on a road trip to Los Angeles -- a journey of healing, forgiveness and connectedness that Charlie had never experienced before. Rated 14-A. Bible study available.					1 digital disc : col. ; 134 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Rear window</i>	Hitchcock, Alfred	1954	marriage, sin, crime, justice, fear, healing, love, courage.	1	DRA DVD84
	One of Hitchcock's least disturbing and most entertaining plays, this partly humourous murder mystery is both suspenseful and visually engaging as it takes place almost entirely in one room -- the room in which our hero (James Stewart) is confined with a broken leg for a week and amuses himself by watching his neighbours from his rear window. Hitchcock cannot resist his running comment on the frailty of marriage and human compassion, both in the crime itself and in the relationship of the adventurous photographer feeling powerless with his debutant girlfriend (Grace Kelly) and philisophical insurance nurse who, at first unbelieving, end up facing real danger to help him solve the case. Rated PG.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 115 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Regarding Henry</i>	Nichols, Mike	1991	Family, love, humility, sin, redemption.	1	DRA DVD90
	Harrison Ford plays the wealthy, successful, ruthless and self centred lawyer who goes to the corner store one night and suffers a gunshot wound through the head, leaving him fully functional but essentially the real person that he is, missing the memory that motivated his character before.. Like a child he suddenly relates to his daughter and wife with love and attention and gradually discovers what he had done as the former Henry, setting about to correct his life, showing who any one of us could be stripped of worldly pressures down to basic clarity, decency and goodness. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 107 mins.

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
digital video disc	<i>Remains of the day</i>	Ivory, James	2001	Social justice. Interpersonal relationship. Honour	1	DRA DVD67
	The repressed relationship between a majordomo and his chief housekeeper in a post-Victorian English peer's mansion is played out in retrospect as he tries to reconnect with her after WWII. Their interaction is an allegory of the social/political brew simmering in the years between the wars, contrasting the stubborn complacency of class, gender and race distinction with the clear-sighted and compassionate grace of a woman with the courage to think for herself and truly care for others. Rated PG. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Restoration</i>	Hoffman, Michael	1995	Sin, ambition, gifts, redemption.	1	DRA DVD82
	A lurid and graphic depiction of 17th century England when both medicine and society were at their most decadent, ignorant and harmful phase before the plague enlightened and "awakened" us. An insightful young doctor with an inherent gift for healing, is unfortunately indulgent and promiscuous in character and uses his gifts to rise in social status and wealth -- temporarily. Awakened only by the loss of all material wealth and professional credibility, he returns to his former friend and gradually is granted "restoration" by the acceptance of loss and the grace and goodness of his deeds. Rated R. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Road to Perdition</i>	Mendes, Sam	2002	Honour, redemption, family, relationships	1	DRA DVD56
	A successful family man (Tom Hanks), respected as an upstanding citizen, is betrayed and found to be involved with the Irish "mob" in New York. His journey to Perdition to escape the unlawful sentence of a secret life becomes one of perpetual deception to protect himself and his son. On an extraordinary journey of honour, vengeance and redemption, they confront overwhelming odds and form an indestructible bond. Rated R. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>Romero</i>	Duigan, John, director	ca 1995	Missionaries. Social and political justice. Oppression.	1	DRA DVD8
	A compelling look at the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador who made a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country. As his compassion and courage emerge when confronted by the suffering of his people, Romero is transformed from a complacent dogmatic priest to a committed leader of the people putting himself at risk for God. (Romero played by Raul Julia). Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					

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digital video disc	<i>Saving Private Ryan</i>	Speilberg, Steven	1998	Honour. Courage. Compassion.	1	DRA DVD45
	<p>Seen through the eyes of a squad of American soldiers, the story begins with World War II's historic invasion on the beach at Normandy, then moves beyond the beach as the men embark on a special mission, to go behind enemy lines to find and save Private Ryan, whose three brothers have already been killed. Faced with impossible odds, the men question their orders and wonder why their lives are being risked to save just one -- each searches for his own answer and the strength, honour, decency and courage to complete the mission. Starring Tom Hanks. Rated R for realistic wartime violence. Bible study available.</p>					
1 digital video disc : col. ; 2hrs. 49 mins. (+ Bible study from "Camera! Action! Faith!")						
digital video disc	<i>Shine</i>	Hicks, Scott	1996	Gifts, healing, abuse, love.	1	DRA DVD58
	<p>A mentally challenged man walks into a little bar and brings the jeering and drunken cajolery of the customers to a sudden halt as he begins to play the piano. The film reverts to his childhood when he was a sensitive musical child prodigy of humble origins, pushed to the emotional limit by an exacting and abusive father whom he defies to express himself, and having a complete mental breakdown at age fourteen. Returning to the present, the story unfolds as we see the strength of his spirit triumph as he regains his self-worth by using his gift, reconciles with his father, and achieves a "normal" life through the courage and love of an unusual woman. Rated PG. Bible study available.</p>					
1 digital video disc : col. ; 105 mins.						
Digital video disc	<i>Signs.</i>	Shyamalan,M. Knight, director.	2000	Suspense/Sci-fi. Family values. Death, grief, forgiveness. Faith.	1	DRA DVD18
	<p>Not really ABOUT the aliens, this film is essentially about a priest in a crisis of faith, struggling with grief and rage over his wife's senseless accidental death, who wakes up one morning to find extra-terrestrial crop signs in his cornfield. The next three days are a study in family and community relationships as he and his brother and two small children gradually realize that the alien invasion is real, and rediscover faith, hope, forgiveness and the power of love and human connection against all things incomprehensible. Exquisite photography of the sparse landscape and the precise use of silence, dialogue and original music in an intimate setting, make this film a peak achievement in Shyamalan's unique style. (Starring Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix)</p>					
1 digital video disc : colour ;						
digital video disc	<i>Sister act</i>	Ardolino, Emile		Gifts, servanthood, renewal, music.	1	DRA DVD51
	<p>An irreverent but talented nightclub singer accidentally witnesses a mob execution and must go into hiding as a federal witness --</p>					
1 digital video disc : col. ; 100 mins.						
video	<p>in a convent. At first deplored by the sisters and herself deploring their ways, she impulsively uses her musical ability to transform the nuns' choir and draw new people into a rapidly diminishing congregation. Rated PG. Bible study available.</p>					

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digital video disc	<i>Song of Bernadette</i>		1943		1	DRA DVD124
B&W. ;	The famous story of the young French girl, thought to be weak and inept at religious lessons, who witnessed the miracle of the Virgin Mary appearing to her at a ruin near her home and discovered a wellspring of healing waters before a cave at the Virgin's instruction. At first doubted by the local priest and jeered at by villagers, her sincere faith and unwavering devotion soon awoken their faith and support as they gradually come to believe in and build the Grotto that is still visited today for its healing powers. Rated G.					1 digital video disc : 156 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Accidental tourist</i>	Kasdan, Lawrence	1988	Grief, healing, love, family.	1	DRA DVD62
	An emotionally repressed travel writer, who specializes in tips that help businessmen never realize they have left home, is still grieving for the senseless and sudden loss of his son, and agrees to a separation from his wife. A series of accidents leads him to move into his eccentric family's home with sister and brothers, and hire the outgoing and persistently optimistic dog trainer, Muriel, who has a son of her own. He begins to ignore his own travel tip thoughts, as he journeys from inside a paralyzed despair, out through the self-protective attitude of his family, and on to becoming truly alive and at risk, in love with Muriel. Rated PG.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 121 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Apostle</i>	Duvall, Robert	1997	Sin, redemption, faith.	1	DRA DVD89
	A preacher is revealed to be abusive to his wife, and when his dominating and violent emotions result in assault against her friend, his only option is to relinquish control, leave his community and wander across the south to find a new path in his spiritual journey. Amazingly he finds an opportunity to start a new church in a smaller community using his passion and energy in a more humble and heartfelt way, and although redeemed by his gift, must also repent and face his past sins in the end. Robert Duvall directs and acts the preacher in this dramatic story of a man devoted to the service of God but struggling with himself as a human. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 134 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Crossing guard</i>	Penn, Sean			1	DRA DVD125
	Jack Nicholson plays a man whose life has been ruined by another's criminal act, now working as a quiet crossing guard, awaits the release from prison for six years of the man responsible, in order to enact revenge. The fact that his plan includes three days of waiting for him to return home reveals that the true desire of every heart, even the most hardened, is peace, reconciliation and healing. The quiet dialogue and deliberate pacing that are now Sean Penn's signature directorial style, create suspense and wonder at the outcome. Bible study available. Rated R.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 111 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>The Doctor</i>	Haines, Randa	1991		1	DRA DVD107
	A successful but somewhat complacent surgeon (William Hurt) with a long-time smoking habit is suddenly forced to see what facing death is like from the patient's point of view when he is diagnosed with throat cancer. Spared from permanent malignancy, his life comes into focus and he is taught humility and the value of his own gifts by witnessing the courage and wisdom of a young woman in treatment with him who shares a portion of his path toward her more final end. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 123 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Elephant man</i>	Lynch, David	1980	Healing, gifts, dignity, faith, humanity.	1	DRA DVD71
	The extraordinary and true story of John Merrick, a learned and spiritually evolved man, who is forced to be a side-show attraction throughout his childhood because of a shocking physical deformity. He is discovered at manhood in this condition by a compassionate and insightful doctor, ahead of his time in the 1890s, who saves him from oppression and misunderstanding, giving him the opportunity to live with dignity and decency in the last years of his life. Bible study available. Rated 14-A.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 123 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Fourth wise man</i>	Rhodes, Micheal R.	1985	Faith, love, compassion, gifts, Jesus Christ, peace, resurrection.	1	DRA DVD80
	Based on Henry Van Dyke's classic book, a fictional story set in Biblical times, told in gently comic terms. A Persian Magi (Martin Sheen) and his faithful servant (Alan Arkin) study the prophecies and witness the signs in the heavens, set out to follow the path to the Messiah, missing him at every turn of the way. The magi has sold all his possessions for precious gifts to give the King, but ends up using the gifts he bears and those of his calling to help others in dire need, so having nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday: as he is old and dying he finally encounters the newly resurrected King, who tells him of his true gift, bringing peace to his final moments. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 72 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Grapes of wrath</i>	Ford, John	1940		1	DRA DVD105
	Based on John Steinbeck's novel this is the story of Tom Joad (Henry Fonda) who, following a prison term he served for manslaughter, returns to find his family homestead overwhelmed by weather and the banking industry. With little work potential in the Oklahoma dust bowls, he embarks with his family to the promised land -- California -- but the arduous trip, harsh conditions and failing hope, put family unity to the test. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : B&W. ; 129 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>The Horse whisperer</i>	Redford, Robert	1994		1	DRA DVD109
	Robert Redford acts and directs this quiet drama about a man whose spirituality gives him a gift of communicating with horses. His gift becomes a metaphor for human spiritual connection as he responds to the desperate plea of a mother to come and help her daughter and her horse heal from physical and emotional wounds. Rated PG-13. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>The Hurricane</i>	Jewison, Norman	2000	Wronfully accused, justice, gifts, courage, faith.	1	DRA DVD85
	Denzel Washington plays Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a man who in the prime of his boxing career is wrongfully convicted of murder and imprisoned for life. This is a true story of how his published memoir inspired a teenager from Brooklyn and three Canadian activists to join forces with Carter to prove his innocence, and how their successful efforts became the foundation for other organizations helping the wrongfully accused to this day. Rated R. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>The Insider</i>	Mann, Michael	1999	Honour, social conscience, courage, corporate corruption, social justice.	1	DRA DVD70
	A true and well-researched account of a conventional scientific researcher, fired from his job in a major tobacco company, with an extraordinary conscience -- this is his struggle with honesty, betrayal and sacrifice as he is used by the media to become the whistle-blower who exposed the tobacco industry as ruthless peddlars of a disease-causing addictive drug. Bible study available. Rated R.					
digital video disc	<i>The Legend of Bagger Vance</i>	Redford, Robert	2000	Gifts, community, healing, courage, compassion, spirituality.	1	DRA DVD91
	A young man renowned for his magical prowess at the game of golf (Brad Pitt) , has become reclusive, self-indulgent and jaded by the extravagance and superficiality of society in the late twenties. As a past unattainable love (Cherise Theron) attempts to persuade him to help raise money to save his home town by winning a golf tournament, he must face the truth about himself and is helped by a legendary character (Will Smith) who shows up just long enough to show him the faith, hope and courage to be found within himself. Rated PG. Bible study available.					
digital video disc	<i>The Miracle worker</i>	Penn, Arthur	1962	Healing, gifts, compassion, diligence.	1	DRA DVD64
	The story of the amazingly determined young Irish teacher, one of the first in her time to understand and use signing, and to overcome the prejudice that the the deaf, "dumb' and blind cannot be taught. Ann Bancroft plays the teacher who is hired by a rich family whom she must defy and coax to let her use the methods she knows will give their daughter, Helen Keller, the ability to communicate and learn, and become a self-reliant individual. Not Rated. Bible study available.					

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digital video disc	<i>The Mission</i>	Joffe, Roland, director	1986	Action/drama / Mission / moral ethics / personal growth	1	DRA DVD3
	A powerful action epic about a man of the sword (Robert de Niro) and a man of the cloth (Jeremy Irons) who unite to shield a South American indigenous tribe from brutal subjugation by 18th century colonial empires. Rated 14-A. Bible study available.					2 digital video discs ; 125 mins. + special features.
digital video disc	<i>The Robe</i>	Koster, Henry	1953		1	DRA DVD98
video	A Roman centurian (Richard Burton), charged with overseeing the crucifixion, wins Christ's robe in a gambling game at the foot of the cross, his life is forever changed. Having it in his possession causes him to question his own mores and the significance of Jesus' life and crucifixion. The first movie filmed in Cinemascope, the plot is a little thin and interrupted by overproduced pomp and splendour of the Roman Empire at the time, but this is still a thoughtful and well-acted study of the state of an individual's mind before the outcome of the Saviour's coming was commonly realized. Not Rated.					1 digital disc : col. ; 104 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Shawshank redemption</i>	Darabont, Frank	1994	Gifts, courage, patience, humanity, wrongfully accused, sin, redemption.	1	DRA DVD72
	This film has captured the detailed psychology and textural sense of doom and human evil that Stephen King gives to his writing, but is also so superbly acted and directed that through struggle and redemption of the characters, the story achieves a surprising and happy ending. A man wrongly accused of murdering his wife is sentenced to life imprisonment in Shawshank Penitentiary where he uses kindness, intelligence and accounting skills to avoid some of its horrors, to help his friends, to gain some trust of the wardens, uncover the mystery of his alleged crime, and eventually to help himself. Rated R for language and prison violence. Bible study available.					2 digital video disc : col. ; 142 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Shipping news</i>	Hallström, Lasse	2001	Gifts, courage, love, healing.	1	DRA DVD75
	A simple trusting man falls in love with and is used and mistreated by an irresponsible and disturbed woman. Left with a small child to raise and upon hearing of her mother's death, he sets out for a new life in Newfoundland where he learns the pains and joys of the colourful people in his community while discovering he can write short news articles in such a way as to find the upside or the downside in any event. Rated 14-A. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 91 mins.

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digital video disc	<i>The Shoes of the fisherman</i>	Anderson, Michael	1968		1	DRA DVD104
	All eyes focus on the Vatican as a newly freed Russian political prisoner is thrust into the spotlight as Pope Kiril Lakota (Anthony Quinn), the new pontiff who must be the one to avert a nuclear war. This is a tense and dramatic look at the geopolitical intrigue and Vatican procedure and the pressures on the conscience of one individual with the power to make a difference. Also starring all time greats of the 60s such as Oskar Werner, Lawrence Olivier, John Gielgud and David Janssen. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 162 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Spitfire grill</i>	Zlotoff, Lee David	1999		1	DRA DVD103
	A teenage girl is released from a correctional institution, and having no family or home, heads out to settle in a town with a hopeful name. Her reception there is not easy, but her self-education, sincerity and humility enable her to heal the many wounds of the small community. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 116 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Straight story</i>	Lynch, David	1999		1	DRA DVD127
	The true story of Alvin Straight, an ordinary man in his seventies, living on a fixed income in a small town with his daughter whose mental simplicity has cost her her children, and is told that he will die soon if he doesn't stop his bad habits. Instead of stopping, he decides it is more important to ride 300 miles across country on his lawn mower to reconcile with his only brother over a long past disagreement. Under David Lynch's surreal/super-real direction, the masterful acting of Richard Farnsworth and Sissy Spacek, together with breathtaking landscape and lilting violin music, deliver an eye-opening and inspiring end-journey of a man whose being simply who he is contributes to everyone he meets along the way. Rated PG. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 102 mins.
digital video disc	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>		1923 ;		1	DRA DVD101
	This is the somewhat glamorous but nevertheless historically accurate 1960s version of the story of Moses who was abandoned by his own Jewish mother to save his life, raised as an Egyptian heir to the Pharaoh's throne, made a slave by his jealous step-brother and eventually was to lead the Hebrews out of captivity and make an eternal covenant with God. Even with primitive special effects, the miracles and intervention of God to help Moses are still awe-inspiring. Not Rated.					3 digital video disc : B&W, col. ; 136 mins ; 220 mins.

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Digital video disc	<i>The Village</i>	M. Knight Shyamalan	2004	Mystery/crime. Family values. Interpersonal relationships. Innocence and evil. Intentional community.	1	DRA DVD15
	<p>Not a conventional thriller or a horror film (no supernatural element), as the cover depicts, but certainly Shyamalan does take Hitchcock a step further, as he has before, to contrast the sincere love of peace and communal goodness in an isolated puritan-style village with the paralyzing dread of "those of whom we do not speak". Exquisite cinematography, haunting music and the concise archaic dialogue work together to create a taut character-driven suspense. The real mystery is: What is it that actually keeps the villagers from leaving? When her betrothed is stricken by a greater human evil from within their midst, the most innocent and vulnerable villager must venture forth to the outside world for medicine to save his life. Starring William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver, Joaquin Phoenix, Adrien Brody.</p>					
digital video disc	<i>Therese</i>	Defilippis, Leonardo	2006		1	DRA DVD113
video	<p>The famous story of the young girl, Therese of Lisieux, a bourgeois girl from a victorian French family who travelled to Rome at age 15 to gain permission from Pope Leo XIII to enter the Carmelite Monastery. Through the rigours of monastic life she made the surprising discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion -- a spiritual path she called her "Little Way" -- a beautiful retreat into the the world of a remarkable girl who fell in love with God. Rated PG.</p>					
digital video disc	<i>Thirteen Days</i>	Donaldson, Roger	2001	The Cold War, judicious use of power, mercy, honour, courage.	1	DRA DVD94
	<p>This powerful and historically accurate account of the power struggle behind the scenes at the Whitehouse carefully reveals the human element in the characters of John and Robert Kennedy from the point of view of the presidential Chief of Staff (Kevin Kostner) during the enormously pivotal thirteen days of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Both educational and insightful, the film reveals the courage and morality of individuals in power as suspense builds while decisions are made that could have changed or destroyed the world as we know it. Rated PG. Bible study available.</p>					
digital video disc	<i>Time Bandits</i>	Gilliam, Terry, director	c1981;	History of western civilization. Parenting. Abuse of power. Materialism. Morality.	1	DRA DVD10
	<p>A young boy named Kevin (Craig Warnock) escapes his gadget-obsessed parents to join a band of time-travelling dwarves; meets Agamemnon (Sean Connery), Napoleon (Ian Holm) and others. A dark comedy and historical satire, it is also a fantasy-adventure. Not rated, but Terry Gilliam's style can be frightening for preteens and younger children.</p>					

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digital video disc	<i>To kill a mockingbird</i>	Mulligan, Robert		Social Justice. Mercy. Forgiveness. Innocence.	1	DRA DVD66
	This "classic" film, set in the deep south before the Civil Rights movement took hold, was controversial in its day and still prevails as a most moving insight into the places in the human heart whence true social justice and mercy may emerge. The story is told by a woman as a memory of admiration for her father through the innocent mind of herself as a little girl who trusts a mentally challenged man to protect her during the weeks when her lawyer father is defending a black man against the charge of raping a white girl. Rated PG. Bible study available.					2 digital video disc : col. ; 130 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Unbreakable</i>	Shyamalan, M. Night			1	DRA DVD112
	A man in the midst of a marital separation with an inexplicable sadness and loss of purpose is travelling home from seeking a job opportunity away from his family. When he wakes up in hospital to find he is the sole survivor of the crash and without a single injury, his life begins to change. A mysterious connection is struck between him and another man who has suffered repeated injuries since birth from a crippling bone disease, and is seeking a modern day hero who would possess the opposite attribute -- being unbreakable. Having to dispel his child's delusion that he possesses superhuman strength brings him to a surprising realization about his true purpose and the unbreakable foundation of love in his marriage. Rated PG. Bible study available.					2 digital video disc : col. ; 107 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Whale Rider</i>	Caro, Niki	2002	Faith, courage, youth, family, interpersonal relationships, spirituality.	1	DRA DVD48
	A young girl, born to the chief's son of a present-day traditional seaside Maori community in New Zealand, tells how her birth was a disappointment -- she was destined to be the next Chief after her grandfather, but cannot because she is female. Realizing intuitively that she is destined to lead in some way, she tries to prove her worth to her grandfather in vain, until she hears the song of the whales and knows what she must do. This is an uplifting tale of a community striving to keep its traditional spiritual life alive, and a family in conflict brought together in love by the courage and enlightenment of a young girl. Rated PG.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 101 mins.
digital video disc	<i>What's eating Gilbert Grape?</i>	Hallstrom, Lasse		Dramatic comedy/human relationships	1	DRA DVD123
	A young man (Johnny Depp) of a dysfunctional family in a rural community is struggling to maintain and protect his mentally impaired younger brother (Leonardo DiCaprio) while developing his personal integrity. His love blossoms when he notices a young woman (Juliette Lewis) who is mentally challenged but possesses a sincerity and clarity that inspires his love and keeps him on the right path. Bible study available.					1 digital video disc ; 1 hour 37 mins. In Danish/ Italian w English subtitles.

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digital video disc	<i>Wit</i>	Nichols, Mike, director	2001	Terminal illness -- psychological aspects. Interpersonal relationships.	1	DRA DVD6
video	Vivian Bearing (Emma Thompson) is an English professor with a biting wit that educates but alienates; her teaching and life are rigidly under control until she is diagnosed with a devastating disease. Bible study available.					1 digital disc ; 99 mins.
digital video disc	<i>Witness</i>	Weir, Peter	1985	Peace, nonviolence, compassion, redemption, morality, intentional community, Amish life.	1	DRA DVD53
video	A small Amish boy witnesses a murder in Pennsylvania Station and is taken into custody with his mother by a tough but honest policeman, John Book. In the process, a police conspiracy is revealed and John, wounded himself, must take them back to their Amish home to hide and recover. Here he learns what true community means, based on Godliness, harmony with nature, nonviolence, and love, and learns the truth about his own nature while protecting the boy. Violent scenes at the beginning and very end, but contrasted by the exquisite scenery, musical score and the quietude of Amish life that comprises most of the film. Rated R.					1 digital video disc : col. ; 112 mins.
video	<i>Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace</i>	Till, Eric, Director and writer	1999	Biography -- drama	1	BIO V2004.12
Video	The story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman of distinction who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. This film dramatizes his last years, shedding light on the little known efforts of the German resistance and his moral struggle leading up to his execution.					1 videocassette ; 90 minutes.
Video	<i>Chocolat</i>	Halstrom, Lasse, director	2000	Romantic comedy. Parenting. Interpersonal relationships. Community. Morality.	1	DRA v2005.06
colour ;	A single mother and her daughter wander into a small French village to settle and set up a chocolat shop, much to the consternation of the conservative and prejudiced mayor, who is in denial about his wife having left him. The mother's sharing of her exotic tastes and worldly knowledge, coupled with a kind and insightful personality, present a challenge to the mayor's control over the opinions and customs of his community, which in turn puts the village priest into a quandry, especially when the newcomer befriends the gypsies camping along the river. She herself must decide whether to give up on everybody and continue to wander, or finally give her little girl a home.					1 videocassette (VHS) : 2 h. 1 min.(also on DVD17).

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
Video	<i>Molokai</i>	Cox, Paul, director	2000	Christian Mission -- biography. Missionary priests -- Leper colonies.	1	DRA V2006.03

In the late 19th century, suspected lepers living in Hawaii were sent to the island of Molokai where, as the only inhabitants, they were left to fend for themselves, with little or no aid from the government. Father Damien, a Belgian priest, was willing to go to the island and sacrifice his own life to help the lepers live a decent and more comfortable life. Starring David Wenham, Derek Jacobi, Kris Kristofferson, Sam Neil, Peter O'Toole and others, this authentically and graphically directed and produced film is an inspiring example of unfaltering perseverance with complete humility and servitude to God and humanity embodied in a simple, unpretentious man; 1999 Masters Section, Toronto International Film Festival. 1 videocassette (VHS) : colour ; 128 mins.