

# **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

## **Five Questions Parents Should Ask Themselves When Selecting a Movie for their Children**

### **1. Does the movie offend God?**

The movie shouldn't offend God or insult the teachings of the Church especially regarding the moral law. This should be the standard for every decision parents make.

### **2. Does the movie glamorize evil?**

It can be explicit, implicit or subtle. Hollywood is really good at this and it is most dangerous when it is subtle. Is whatever "good" in the movie achieved through "evil" means?

### **3. How will this movie affect my child?**

The movie must be viewed through the prism of its audience. Parents must consider each child as an individual, unique personality. Children mature at different rates and their innocence needs protection.

### **4. Is this movie visually attractive?**

Movies teach through a visual medium. Images should elevate and inspire. They should raise the bar and give children a true understanding of innocence and beauty.

### **5. How serious is the obligation of parents to pre-screen?**

Current rating sources have proven to be varied and unreliable. Children learn to love what their parents love. Parents teach by what they say, do and by what they allow their children to do.

*People have to discern. On Ratings - they need to know and trust the reviewer; though a movie has a good review it may not be the Catholic view. Just because it has a Christian theme doesn't mean it can support Catholic doctrine.*

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