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IGNATIUS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES FEATURING:

CLARE AND FRANCIS

Directed by *Fabrizio Costa*

Starring Ettore Bassi, Mary Petruolo, Gabriele Cirilli, Lando Buzzanca, and Angela Molina

CLARE AND FRANCIS is the outstanding and historically definitive feature film from Lux Vide that portrays the inspirational and spiritually moving lives of the beloved saints, Clare and Francis.

_____ will be one of many churches, schools and organizations in North America holding an exclusive screening of this dramatic feature film as part of the ongoing **Ignatius Night at the Movies** series, on

Date(s): _____

Time(s): _____

Ticket price: _____ **Proceeds will benefit:** _____.

Filmed on location in Italy, ***CLARE AND FRANCIS*** is an exceptional portrayal of the lives of two of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church. Developed with the cooperation of the Franciscan order, ***CLARE AND FRANCIS*** is an unprecedented retelling of their stories, in large part due to the historical accuracy of the film as well as the major portrayal of Clare, who is given equal stature with Francis. This film reverently and beautifully draws the viewer through the life of St. Francis and his transformation from the carefree, pleasure-seeking, wealthy merchant's son to the fervent soldier with dreams of knighthood and joining the Crusades, to the humble servant who heeds the voice of God in caring for lepers, serving the poor, and beginning the Franciscan Order. Simultaneously, the story of Clare develops as the viewer becomes enmeshed in her struggle between obeying her father's and uncle's wishes for her to marry for social and political stature and her desire to follow in Francis' footsteps to serve the poor. The tender spiritual relationship between Francis and Clare is beautifully portrayed as Clare, inspired by Francis's obedience and humility, succeeds in carrying out God's will – becoming a nun and founding the cloistered Franciscan order – the Poor Clares.

To discuss our participation in the **Ignatius Night at the Movies** program and the presentation of ***CLARE AND FRANCIS***, please contact

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