MEDIA ADVISORY

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# IGNATIUS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES FEATURING:

## *MARIA GORETTI*

**Directed by *Giulio Base***

**Starring *Martina Pinto, Massimo Bonetti, Luisa Ranieri Flavio Insinna* and Claudia Koll**

***MARIA GORETTI*** is the outstanding feature film that movingly portrays the brief, but virtuous life of this twentieth-century saint who died defending her purity and who incredibly forgave her killer.

_____ 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, ***MARIA GORETTI*** is an exceptional portrayal of the brief life of virtue, heroism, love and extraordinary forgiveness of this young peasant girl in the early twentieth-century. One of six children of Luigi and Assunta Goretti, a poor sharecropping family living and working in the swampy area of southern Italy where malaria grew to epidemic proportions, Maria embraced and reflected an incredible love of God and others modeled by her parents. Herself a model of humility, love and joy, she was a source of delight to all who knew her. Suffering the unwanted attentions of a friend, Maria eventually was trapped by him and defended her purity physically and with prayer. Stabbed fourteen times, Maria, on her death bed, found it in her heart to forgive her assailant and express her desire that he join her in heaven one day.

To discuss our participation in the **Ignatius Night at the Movies** program and the showing of ***MARIA GORETTI***, please contact _____ at
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