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MEDIA ADVISORY

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**IGNATIUS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES FEATURING:**

***THE RELUCTANT SAINT***  
***The Story of St. Joseph of Cupertino***

Directed by *Edward Dmytryk*

**Starring**

***Maximilian Schell, Ricardo Montalban, Lea Padovani and Akim Tamiroff***

*THE RELUCTANT SAINT: The Story of St. Joseph of Cupertino* is the heartwarming and amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood.

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

**Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ticket price:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Proceeds will benefit:** \_\_\_\_\_.

Filmed on location in Italy, Maximilian Schell stars as “the flying friar”, St. Joseph of Cupertino.

In the impoverished village of 17th century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph’s peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott (Ricardo Montalban) to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest. Yet some are convinced that it is the devil, not God, who is responsible for Joseph's miraculous powers – until a final miracle reveals to all his true sanctity.

To discuss our participation in the **Ignatius Night at the Movies** program and the presentation of *THE RELUCTANT SAINT: The Story of St. Joseph of Cupertino*, please contact

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