



## Film Resources on Saints - Introduction

If you are looking for ideas for your Youth Group based on Saints and they enjoy films then look no further! Films are a great way of introducing a topic, using a medium young people can relate to. Finding a theme within films is not always easy; we've done some of the research for you and have 3 suggestions. For each film you'll find a brief synopsis and then ideas for discussion based on a clip rather than the whole movie. At the end of each film session there is a brief biography of a saint that would relate to the theme of the particular film. To find the film clips on a DVD use the titles of the clips in 'scene selection' from the opening menu. Make sure you get time to watch a film before showing it to young people, so that you know the content and can check if it's right for your particular group.

**Jerry Maguire** is an inspirational movie about 'doing the right thing'. Young people often find it difficult to do the right thing, particularly at school or in their peer groups if it bucks the trend. You can use this film to discuss what it means to follow Christ and if there's anything we'd need to give up to be closer to God, and finally looking at the benefits of following Christ. We chose Saint Anthony the Abbott as he left what he knew and what he owned to do God's will.

**Transformers** is a classic 'good versus evil' film. Based on the old children's cartoon, it helps us to discover the choices we make, why we make them and what can get in the way of fulfilling God's plan. We chose Saint Maximillian Kolbe, as he made the ultimate sacrifice to follow God's path. Giving his life so that somebody else would live - and whilst starving to death he sang and praised God.

**Armageddon** is a film about sacrifice. Bruce Willis, the main character, sacrifices himself to save the world. Apart from the obvious gospel connection the film can be used to discuss the theme of self sacrifice and Martyrdom. We chose Saint Stephen as a saint who lovingly gave his life for God, asking God to forgive his killers.