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# DRAMA

#### **GREAT CATHOLIC STORIES**

#### HINT OF AN EXPLANATION

CM-304

Graham Greene's story of a young boy whose life is transformed by his response to a frightening temptation against the Holy Eucharist.

# DIARY OF A COUNTRY PRIEST CM-306

George Bernanos's classic drama of a modern curate —a moving portrait of the making of a saint.

#### TO THE CASTLE

CM-309

Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Horgan's story of a Chaplain and a "suicide" mission in Italy during World War II.



#### UNDER THE SUN OF SATAN

CM-310

Bernanos's drama – patterned on the Cure of Ars's tortures by the devil.

#### **BIRD OF SORROW**

CM-311

The struggles of a Maryknoll missionary in Communist China.

# TOWER OF BABEL

CM-312

National Award Winner

Thomas Merton's morality play based on Biblical story.

#### THE MEDAL

CM-333

National Award Winner

Depicts meaning and significance of the Miraculous Medal—set in background of Korean conflict.

# THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

CM-410

An adaptation picturing young Augustine's passionate struggle toward conversion to the Catholic Church.

#### LIFE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

This four-part series, titled, "I Sing of a Maiden," presents a dramatization of the life of OUR LADY.



## MAGNIFICAT

CM-313

From the betrothal of Mary and Joseph to the Annunciation.

# A KING IS BORN

CM-314

From the birth of Our Lord to the finding of the Child in the temple.

# HOLY FAMILY

CM-315

From the childhood of Christ to His first miracle at Cana.

# MATER DOLOROSA

CM-316

From the Passion of Our Lord to the Assumption.

#### **SAINTS AND HEROES**

# STAGE OF FOOLS: (ST. THOMAS MORE)

CM-305

A moving dramatic portrait of the trials of St. Thomas More and his martyrdom.

ARMOR OF LIGHT: (ST. PAUL) CM-393

Life of St. Paul featuring Hollywood stars Gene Lockhart, J. Carroll Naish and Ruth Hussey.

### PADRE PRO

CM-348

Exciting story of Miguel Pro, a Mexican Jesuit Martyr—focuses on Padre Pro's heroic apostolate in disguise during the religious persecution in Mexico during the 1920's.



# TILL THE GREEN WORD GREW: (ST. DOMINIC)

CM-345

The beautiful story of St. Dominic's calling to found the Order of Preachers.

# THE SECRET CONVENT

CM-346

The story of sixteen Carmelites sentenced to death during the French Revolution.

# BELOVED OUTCASTE: (BISHOP JAMES HEALY)

CM-347

Rod Serling's TV adaptation of the story of America's first Negro Bishop, James A. Healy – focuses on his battle against prejudice and the violent reaction to his ideas for social reform.

# THE TAR-HEEL: (FATHER THOMAS PRICE, M.M.)

CM-350

A dramatic profile of the unique story of Father Price and his founding of Maryknoll.

# SEEDS OF THE DESERT: (CHARLES DE FOUCAULD)

CM-351

Brings to life Charles de Foucauld, 20th century French soldier and explorer—spiritual founder of one of the most unusual religious communities of modern times, the Little Brothers and Sisters of Jesus.

# THE YANKEE PAUL: (FATHER ISAAC HECKER)

CM-352

The remarkable story of the convert founder of the Paulists, Father Isaac Hecker, who formed the first American religious community to make the Catholic Church meaningful to the American people.

## THE VICTORY OF FATHER KARL CM-349

Describes the secret ordination of Jesuit seminarian Karl Leisner, in the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau.



#### CONTEMPORARY DRAMAS

# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

CM-301

A "good" boy shoots policeman . . . shocked parents look for answers.

# POLITICAL MORALITY

CM-302

If he "plays ball" the Mayor can win the election.

# INTERNATIONAL MORALITY

CM-303

Story of brainwashed pilot who survives his Chinese captors.

# MORAL DECISIONS

CM-399

The problem of mercy killing . . . based on the dilemma of a young girl facing the agonizing death of her mother.

#### THE TRIAL

CM-411

Dramatizes the trial of a nun accused of deserting the world for a convent.

# WITH CROOKED LINES

CM-412

The story of a derelict who wanders into a parish church and reviews his dissolute life through the people making a visit.

# THE WAR FOR GEOFFREY WILSON CM-448

National Award Winner

An American Air Force pilot returns to Washington a hero after 15 months imprisonment in Communist China and breaks down in front of a questioning Senate subcommittee.

# THE ISLE IS FULL OF NOISES CM-449

TV-Broadway playwright Robert J. Crean's hilarious spoof of what's wrong with TV, featuring actress Ludi Claire.

# BEAUTIFUL JOHNNY CM-450

A monologue-drama of a man who has come to the realization of his own emptiness and is tempted to suicide.

# MY ENEMY, MY SON CM-451

Pete Taylor is an average Catholic American who discovers that his greatest enemy is his son, aged 10. An all-Broadway cast, with script by Leo Brady of Catholic University.

# SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY

#### A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Scripture scholar Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Dougherty, President of Seton Hall University, takes us through four programs searching the scripture for clearer understanding.



#### SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY

# THE NATURE OF THE BIBLE CM-436

Explores the Bible as it is known in English and traces it back through various translations to its sources.

# HOW TO READ THE BIBLE CM-437

Through dramatic readings and analysis, we see the important differences between the various kinds of writing in the Bible and discover the full richness of sacred scripture.

#### MESSAGE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT CM-438

A beautifully dramatized presentation of the basic revelation of the Old Testament.

## MESSAGE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CM-439

Presents the meaning and message of Christ as the new covenant—the New Testament, which brings the new law of love to man and fulfills the Old Law.

#### THE HOLY SACRIFICE



Three TV films featuring Father Frederick McManus of the Liturgical Conference and presenting a clear, full explanation of the Mass to increase greater participation of the faithful.

#### MEANING OF THE MASS

CM-433

The institution of the Sacrifice of the Mass by Christ.

# HISTORY OF THE MASS

CM-434

The development of the form of the Mass from the First Century to the present.

# DEMONSTRATION OF THE MASS CM-435

A presentation of a dialogue Mass in English showing the essential elements of a Low Mass.

# PRIZE-WINNING FILMS ON THE LITURGY\*



# HOLY WEEK

CM-334

Brings together the theme of the royal honors rendered Christ on Palm Sunday, and His Passion and Death on Good Friday—features scenes from the Gospels, as pictured in the marvelous frescoes of Vienne, France, as well as the liturgical ceremonies of Holy Week.

#### EASTER VIGIL

CM-335

Underlines the significance of the principal elements of the new liturgy of Holy Saturday—readings from scripture combine with the liturgy to provide a documentary of unequalled value.

# ORDINATION

CM-431

A documentary film portraying the beautiful ceremonies of ordination.

\*These films are available for television use.

# THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE

#### **WE BELIEVE\***

WE BELIEVE is a series of thirteen half-hour films produced by the National Council of Catholic Men to provide a clear and informative picture of our fundamental Catholic beliefs. The "star" of WE BELIEVE is Father James J. McQuade, S.J., Regional Director of the Sodality of Our Lady, who is a master of the visualized lecture. Father McQuade has been featured on fifteen nationwide telecasts over two major networks. This series has been approved by the Catholic Audio-Visual Education Association (CAVE) and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

WE BELIEVE is the first film series specifically designed to teach the basic truths of our faith. In it, Father McQuade uses an ingenious technique of visual presentation, which gives this series a refreshing approach to the teaching of religion.

#### WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE AND WHY

RELIGION CM-317

A clear exposition of the nature of religion and man's need and desire for it.

GOD CM-318

What God is, His nature, His attributes, a new approach to the Trinity.

MAN CM-319

The Catholic concept of the nature of man, of the purpose and manner of his existence.

CHRIST CM-320

A detailed analysis of Catholic teaching concerning Christ as man and God.

MORAL LIFE CM-321

The laws of God concerning the conduct of our lives.

DIVINE WORSHIP

CM-322

The history and nature of religious worship; a discussion of the essence of the Mass.

SANCTIFYING GRACE CM-323

An explanation of God's greatest gift to man - participation in divine life.

#### THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE

#### ACTUAL GRACE

CM-324

A thorough treatment of the divine assistance so necessary to man's growth.

# RELIGIOUS LIFE

CM-325

The origin and development of some of our religious communities—the reason why of religious vocations.

#### THE SACRAMENTS

CM-326

The nature and divine origin of the seven Sacraments with special emphasis on the Holy Eucharist.

#### **FAMILY**

CM-327

A concise and straight-forward analysis of marriage, divorce and inter-family relations.

#### CHURCH AND STATE

CM-328

A refreshing presentation of Church-State relationship—the American Catholic's role in our democracy.

#### THE BIBLE

CM-329

Its history, origin and divine inspiration.

# SPANISH VERSION OF WE BELIEVE

# "CREEMOS"

All 13 WE BELIEVE films are now available in Spanish. Order numbers are CM-417 through CM-429.

\*These films are available for television use.

# PAULIST DEBATES

Skillfully probing their subject in an easy, bantering style in which one assumes the role of "non-Catholic objector," the two popular Paulists, Father James Finley and Father John Reynolds, answer questions posed by non-Catholics about the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

THE NEED OF RELIGION CM-376
THE SENSE OF SIN CM-377
CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE CM-379
CHURCH VERSUS FREEDOM CM-390

#### THEOLOGY AND SANITY



On street corners and in the lecture halls of England and America, Frank Sheed has been a booming voice in defense of Catholicism and in praise of common sense. As author, translator and publisher, he has enlivened the printed word as a medium of expression for the entire Catholic world. The New York Times called his book, Theology and Sanity, an "astounding achievement," and no less an author than Hilaire Belloc praised Sheed's Communism and Man as "the clearest and deepest appreciation of the problem I have ever read." Now Frank Sheed brings his personal magnetism and brilliance to a nation-wide audience through this four-part series, as he discusses the subjects listed below with college students. A superb series for colleges, Newman Clubs and parish groups.

WHAT IS THEOLOGY	CM-444
WHO IS GOD	CM-445
WHO IS JESUS CHRIST	CM-446
WHAT IS THE CHURCH	CM-447

#### "COMMUNISM I"



COMMUNISM I is an imaginatively staged production which employs intriguing innovations in the technique of visual presentation. It provides the viewer with a remarkably clear insight into the nature of Communism and the fallacies of the Communist philosophy.

# THE DIALECTIC OF COMMUNISM CM-361

How the Communist mind thinks—Communist reality based on the Marxist system of thought.

# COMMUNIST MATERIALISM CM-362

What the Communist mind believes—"Nothing exists but matter and everything is explained on a material basis."

# COMMUNIST HISTORY CM-363

How the Communist looks at the past—as the result of economic factors alone, according to his own Communist principles.

# COMMUNIST SOCIETY CM-364

How the Communist lives – "peaceful co-existence" with the Communist is shown to be a practical impossibility.

#### "COMMUNISM II"



AMERICA AND COMMUNISM (a new series), takes both an historical and speculative look at our major enemy, utilizing the techniques of documentary, concert reading, and discussion. An excellent follow-up to COMMUNISM I.

# COMMUNISM: THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

CM-480

Documentary survey of the Communist rise in Europe from 1848 to 1948. Brings together the words of Thomas More, Metternich, Rousseau, Cardinal Newman, Marx, Lenin, Pope Pius XI, Bishop Emmanuel Von Kettler, and many others.

# COMMUNISM: THE POST-WAR YEARS

CM-481

Traces the growth of Communism as a world power from 1848 to the present, and concentrates on the effect that growth has had on the United States. Recordings of Kennedy, Truman, Khrushchev, Gromyko and others.

# **COMMUNISM TODAY**

CM-482

Is Communism's major threat internal, or is it external military power of Soviet Russia and Red China? Discussed by Father John Cronin, S.S., Mr. Romeo Maione, and Mr. Philip Scharper.

#### COMMUNISM TOMORROW

CM-483

Does Communism succeed automatically, or does it carry the seeds of its own destruction on its worldwide course? The same panelists speculate on Communism's future course.

# THE CHURCH

#### THE CHURCH - IN EUROPE

#### **ROME ETERNAL\***



ROME ETERNAL is an historical documentary of the artistic, religious, and cultural heritage of Rome and the Vatican. The four-part series was written by Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Horgan, and shot entirely "on location" with the cooperation of the Holy See. ROME ETERNAL was awarded first prize at the Monte Carlo International Catholic Film Festival and given a special citation from the 1959 Sylvania TV awards. After its TV premiere, NEWSWEEK magazine dubbed it simply, "a magnificent work of art." ROME ETERNAL, rich in historical and artistic appeal was evaluated and approved for showing to all groups by the Catholic Audio-Visual Educational Association (CAVE) in the CATHOLIC EDUCATOR publication.

#### THE CITY OF PETER

CM-357

The richness of imperial Rome's material culture and the poverty of its spiritual culture . . . an impression is given of the character and mood of classical Roman life . . . features first films of recent excavations of the tomb of St. Peter under the Great Basilica.

#### THE CITY OF FAITH

CM-358

The liberation of the Church under Constantine and the growth of religious faith and culture that ensued throughout the Middle Ages . . . features films of major basilicas in Rome.

#### RENAISSANCE ROME

CM-359

The beauty and wonder of the Christian art of the Renaissance, particularly that of Michelangelo . . . features films of Swiss Guards, Borgia apartments and major works of Michelangelo.

#### **OUR MOMENT IN TIME**

CM-360

The heart of modern Rome—Vatican City, the Holy See as the center of the world-wide Catholic Church . . . features exclusive films of the late Pope Pius XII as well as extensive views of the North American College in Rome.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE POPE

CM-416

Twenty-four hours in the busy life of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, showing unforgettable scenes from within Vatican walls.

\*These films are available for television use.

# A PORTRAIT OF GUARDINI

CM-490

An exploration of the mind and work of Romano Guardini, one of the Church's leading theologians and author of over sixty books, including "The Lord," "Sacred Signs," and "The End of the Modern World." Features readings from many of Guardini's own works.

#### ENGLAND REVISITED



ENGLAND REVISITED was filmed entirely "on location" through the facilities of NBC and with the assistance of the British Broadcasting Corporation. Prominent English churchmen and scholars engage in four fascinating conversations on England's greatest Catholic Men. Moderator for the discussions is Father Agnellus Andrew, O.F.M., Director of the Catholic Radio and Television Center in England.

# SAINT THOMAS MORE

CM-456

CATHOLIC HOUR-TV cameras explore the historic hall of Lincoln's Inn, home of London barristers, for a feature on the patron of lawyers, St. Thomas More. Participating are Rev. Bernard Fisher, Archivist of Westminster Cathedral, and English lawyer John Harvey.

# JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN CM-457

The genius of the mind and heart of this great manwhose cause for beatification is currently under consideration—is discussed by Newman biographer Meriol Trevor, Very Rev. Stephen Dessain, and James Cameron.

# GILBERT KEITH CHESTERTON CM-458

Filmed at Chesterton's old home in Beaconfield, Buckinghamshire, the sparkling and witty "G.K.C." is brought back to life in an equally sparkling conversation between Father Agnellus and Father Kevin Scannell. Noted English actor David Peel reads some of Chesterton's best verse and prose.

# MONSIGNOR RONALD KNOX CM-459

The most recent Catholic translator of the Bible lives on in the memory of his close personal friends, Lady Magdalen Elden and Father Michael O'Dwyer, who discuss Knox's life and work in this film. Their discussion takes place in "The Old Palace" at Oxford—the very room where Knox lived, worked, and ministered to the Catholic students at Oxford for thirteen years.

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#### THE CHURCH - IN AMERICA

#### **OUR LADY'S SHRINE\***

CM-432



This documentary color film covers the history, construction, and DEDICATION CEREMONIES of the National Shrine in Washington, D. C. This movie captures one of the most colorful days in the history of the Church in this country.

OUR LADY'S SHRINE captures a rare assemblage of the entire hierarchy of the United States. Unfolded for the viewer is the more than forty-year effort of American Catholics to erect a fitting tribute to their National Patroness.

\*This film is available for television use.

# MARYKNOLL: A GIFT OF FREEDOM CM-488

The story of the gallant women of Maryknoll-from Korea to Bolivia to Tanganyika to Ossining, N. Y.

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AMERICAN HISTORY



#### **EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS**

CM-353

Relives the trials of early Catholic frontiersmen—portrays some of the greatest names in American history and the Church's contribution to American development.

# HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

CM-354

Early struggles of the American Catholic Church in the field of teaching . . . Fathers de las Casas, Serra and others fight to spread religious truth.

# SOCIAL REFORM

CM-355

The Industrial Revolution comes to America and brings new problems to the Church... the immigrant, the working man, and the Negro.

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

CM-356

The Catholic contribution to our great American heritage of religious freedom . . . from Lord Calvert's Act of Toleration to the present day.

# THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CM-470

A documentary on its origin, history, and present crisis, including an interview with Father O'Neil C. D'Amour of the NCEA.

# FREEDOM AND THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC

A rapid-fire question-and-answer series in three parts—is a frank examination of criticisms of the Catholic Church of America with regard to the concepts of freedom that so often provoke antagonisms between Catholic and non-Catholic—with John Cogley questioning Father Walter J. Ong, S.J., of St. Louis University.

THE IMAGE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN AMERICA CM-403
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE
AMERICAN PLURALISTIC
SOCIETY CM-404
THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH IN AMERICA CM-405

#### LANDSCAPE OF THE SOUL



A new four-part series on the interior life of man, written for NCCM by playwright Father Dominic Rover, O.P. It is a series that looks for the hidden, inner realities that make us what we seem, and sometimes what we are. Experimental, and decidedly off the beaten TV track, "Landscape of the Soul" is an ideal series for colleges, Newman Clubs, and parish groups.

#### THE CHURCH

#### SOLILOQUY

CM-476

A TV actor and a TV narrator stop the show and enter into violent disagreement about the meaning of the script . . . and the meaning of their own lives.

#### CATHERINE, MY MOTHER

CM-477

The inner life of Catherine of Siena, the most powerful woman of fourteenth-century Europe, as seen through some of the key figures she affected during her lifetime.

# THE FIRE WATCH

CM-478

Thomas Merton's prose adapted by Father Rover. The inner thoughts of a Trappist monk as he goes his nightly rounds through the darkened labyrinth of a monastery.

#### MORNING PRAYER

CM-479

The simplicity and power of the prayers of Lithuanian girls in Russian slave-labor camps is contrasted with the thoughts of people in more fortunate surroundings, as they rise to begin their day.

#### THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC FRONTIER



The American Catholic frontier was shown to the Nation on television under the title, "Catholic Reflections on America." The series features the Reverend John Courtney Murray, S.J., in programs I and II, and journalists Philip Scharper, William Clancy, James O'Gara and Monsignor Francis J. Lally in programs III and IV. Overall theme for the series is the future of the American Catholic in the face of our national purpose. A "must" for all parish organizations.

#### REFLECTIONS WITH A PURPOSE CM-460

Father Murray analyzes the response of the Free World to the Soviet challenge and the need for a clearer understanding of the first amendment.

#### REFLECTIONS ON PLURALISM CM-461

"As Americans, we can no longer afford the luxury of internal strife," says Father Murray, "but our divisions between religions are very real, very deep."

#### FRONTIERS FOR THE LAITY CM-462

The four Catholic journalists discuss the statement that laymen should stimulate Catholic theologians to give their full attention to the present problems of the temporal order.

# THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC FRONTIER

CM-463

In their concluding discussion, the journalists point to the contribution the American experience has made to the growth of the Catholic Church in this country.

## PREJUDICE - U.S.A. (a new series)



Prejudice U.S.A. is a series of four dramatic films which examine prejudice in relationship to the Negro, the Jew, and the Catholic, through the eyes of a Catholic family caught in the religious and racial tensions of our society.

This series was conceived as a means of a public examination of conscience by the American people on racial and religious prejudice.

Prejudice U.S.A. was given the Thomas Alva Edison Award, the National Mass Media Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Monte Carlo Critics' Award.

#### THE NEWCOMERS

CM-472

A young Negro family seeking a home in a suburban community and the prejudices they encounter.

## THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

CM-473

A group of teenagers who discover that the Community Club they have selected for the Senior Prom will not admit Jews.

# DIVIDED WE STAND

CM-474

The family comes to grips with the tensions caused by religious prejudice in the community.

# THE BENT WORLD

CM-475

Examines the responsibility of the family to correct the distortions of prejudice which are crippling our American society.

# REFLECTIONS U.S.A.



International Award Winner

This four-part series is a light-hearted, self-critical look at contemporary Americans (especially Catholics) and their moral and spiritual habits. In a series of fast-paced, satirical sketches, REFLECTIONS, U.S.A. lampoons the status-seeking organization man, the cocktail-drinking clubwoman, and the do-it-yourself psychologist, in an attempt to answer the question "How did we get this way?" Featuring a special musical score and an all-Broadway cast, REFLECTIONS, U.S.A. is ideal for adult groups and parish organizations.

#### TO SEE OURSELVES

CM-440

Spoofs American tastes and customs in books, movies, TV, expense accounts, and community quota systems.

# AS OTHERS SEE US

CM-441

Comments on the organization man and the club-woman.

#### IN HIS IMAGE

CM-442

In vignettes such as "Tea and Psychiatry," this program reflects on the condition of the contemporary American mind.

## LOOKING FORWARD

CM-443

Where do we go from here?

# FAMILY LIFE

FAMILY, U.S.A.



Family, U.S.A. is a unique series of films, stimulating, educational and entertaining.—vignettes of typical American families in an "Our Town" format—familiar and poignantly human scenes reveal the pattern of marriage and family life in America today—a witty host leads us through the backyards of our country to probe what lies beneath the happy surface. A sound, pointed analysis of the problems of Catholic Family Life in our modern society.

#### MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

CM-336

An examination of basic attitudes towards marriage in the United States, indicating the Catholic position.

#### THE WEDDING

CM-337

Examines the striking contrast between the Catholic view and the more "popular" concept of the nature of marriage.

## TWO IN ONE FLESH

CM-338

Demonstrates how Catholic married couples can call upon God for the help needed to live life His way.

#### A COMPLEX SOCIETY

CM-339

Explores real problems confronting families in modern society and evaluates them in the light of eternal truths.

#### PROJECT: SURVIVAL

CM-340

Shows how dependence upon God can build and maintain strong family life.

#### CATHOLIC CHILD GUIDANCE

A four-part series designed for parents by child psychologist Sister Alice Francis, C.S.J.

# THE CHILD

CM-341

Explains the nature of the child, the role of adults, and their job within the family—features question period with noted radio-TV personality Frank Blair.

#### THE CHILD PRAYS

CM-342

Parents are instructed as to the proper way of teaching the child to pray—highlights the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

# HE STRETCHES OUT HIS HAND CM-343

Questions on the training of the child in responsibility, self-reliance and discipline are answered — features classroom demonstration.

# HE FINDS HIS PARENTS

CM-344

Demonstrates the proper means of training youngsters—emphasis on fortitude, temperance, justice and prudence.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

CM-469

A child's first communion. Also, "My Father is a King" – musical poem on vocations with Bramwell Fletcher.

# RELIGION AND THE ARTS

THE SAINTMAKER'S CHRISTMAS EVE (a new ONE HOUR subject, two reels)



# SAINTMAKER'S CHRISTMAS EVE CM-487

Adapted by Robert J. Crean from Paul Horgan's novella, "The Saintmaker's Christmas Eve" is a fascinating fable of an ancient art of old New Mexico. It is the story of Roberto and Carlos Castillo, and of the Franciscan priest who teaches them to be saintmakers. At the climax of the story, Saint Christopher appears to Roberto in the midst of a blinding snowstorm, and shows him the way to the village of San Cristobal on Christmas Eve. Original music score by Pulitzer Prize winner Norman Dello Joio.

# THE DEATH OF JUDAS (a new subject)

CM-489

One of the most popular NCCM productions ever presented, this is the startling "inside look" at the apostle who betrayed his Master with a kiss. A thirty minute monologue written by Paul Claudel and adapted by Marie Ponsot.

#### THEATRE: PAST AND PRESENT



Featuring an all-Broadway cast that includes Mildred Dunnock, Edward Mulhare, and award-winner Ann Meacham, this exciting four-part series examines great themes that recur in great plays down through the ages—from *Oedipus Rex* to plays in 20th century America. Host for the series is Jesuit Father John Walsh, Director of Drama for Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

An ideal series for high schools and colleges.

#### THE THEATRE AND GOD

CM-452

The gripping discovery scene from Sophocles' immortal classic, *Oedipus Rex*, and the trial scene from Rutenborn's contemporary Christian masterpiece, *The Sign of Jonah*.

#### THE THEATRE AND MAN

CM-453

Ann Meacham in the death scene from Webster's Duchess of Malfi, and a bizarre criticism of modern faithlessness in the death scene from Ronald Duncan's Death of Satan.

#### THE THEATRE AND LOVE

CM-454

Peer's return from Ibsen's *Peer Gynt* and the heartbreaking climax of James Costigan's prizewinning play, *The Little Moon of Alban*, starring Edward Mulhare.

# THE THEATRE AND THE DEVIL CM-455

Satan appears first in fantastic regalia on the Medieval Stage, then in our own day to possess the body of a young Irish girl—scenes from *The Temptation of Eve* and *The Righteous Are Bold*.

#### THREE FAMOUS CATHOLIC PLAYS

Originally shown on the CATHOLIC HOUR-TV these three adaptations of famous Catholic plays are suitable for showing either by themselves, or in conjunction with the preceding series.

#### **DOCTOR FAUSTUS**

CM-374

Christopher Marlowe's powerful Elizabethan drama of the philosopher who sold his soul to the devil.

SAINT GENESIUS: THE COMEDIAN Adaptation of Henri Gheon's insipiring story of the

patron saint of actors, Saint Genesius, with TV star Jack (Maverick) Kelly. THE SATIN SLIPPER

The heart of Paul Claudel's 20th century epic drama which tells the story of ill-fated lovers and their search for God.

#### ORIGINAL OPERA SERIES

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# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

CM-415

Both this film and The Passion and Resurrection introduce the new technique of painting directly on film—a technique that provides images of unique quality and illumination. The process was developed by the great French religious painter, Andre Girard, whom NCCM commissioned to do both films.

# THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION CM-414

The New York Times called this "a prodigious work of inspiring quality," when it was first shown over CBS television in 1959. Using the same technique as SERMON ON THE MOUNT, this film tells of the events that took place on the first Holy Thursday through Christ's Ascension 40 days after Easter. THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION is narrated by Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Dougherty, and features a musical score performed by Jean Casadesus and Daniel Guilet.

#### AVE MARIA

CM-430

NCCM is the American distributor for Ave Maria—produced by Les Productions de Parvis in Paris. It is a superb and reverent re-telling of the life of Our Lady through the illuminated manuscripts of the treasured Medieval Books of the Hours.

\*These films are available for television use.

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