

REMAIN WITH US, LORD

Reflections on the Mass in the Christian Life

GUIDE FOR HOSTING A SCREENING

CAN I HOST A SCREENING?

Yes, everyone is welcome to host a screening of “Remain with Us, Lord”.

“Remain with Us, Lord” is released through Midwest Theological Forum. With the purchase of the DVD or digital version, the video may be shown free of charge at any public or private gathering (a license or permission is not required).

To broadcast the video on network or cable television, or the internet, contact us for information at 630-739-9750 or info@mwtf.org

WHICH AUDIENCE AND SIZE GROUP SHOULD I HAVE?

“Remain with Us, Lord” is appropriate for all ages but it intended for high school age students and adults. It is also appropriate for small and large group viewing.

For Home/Small Groups: Your home entertainment system is ideal for showing “Remain with Us, Lord” to smaller audiences. All you need is the DVD and a TV with a DVD player. You can also use a laptop and project on to a large screen.

For Medium to Large Groups: Parishes and schools are ideal places for larger screenings. To schedule a screening make sure to contact the appropriate person at the parish (your pastor, parish council members, and parish groups) or school (religious education director or school principal).

WHAT CAN I SAY?

Use our suggested *Introductory and Concluding Remarks* (included with this guide) to help you welcome and guide the audience through the screening.

WHAT IF THE AUDIENCE HAS QUESTIONS?

Use our *Frequently Asked Questions* sheet (included with this guide) which answers the essential questions about the video as well as provides instructions where people can learn more about the video.

NEED HELP?

Call us at 630-739-9750 or email info@mwtf.org

HOW DO I ORGANIZE A VIEWING FOR A LARGER GROUP?

Advance preparation:

- Set event date and secure viewing facility.
- Order the DVD or download the video online.
- Secure viewing equipment.
- Determine the presentation lineup. We suggest having someone welcome guests, introduce the DVD, and give an overview of your event schedule.
- Depending on the event, you may also have a keynote speaker or a panel discussion.
- Compile a guest list and send out invitations and/or post flyers.
- Secure all printed materials that will be distributed at the event.
- Order refreshments and serving supplies (if applicable).
- Preview the entire DVD.

Same day preparation:

- Arrive two hours prior to starting of the event, to make sure facility and equipment are ready.
- Equipment :
 - Plug-in TV monitor and DVD player to electric outlet
 - Bring two copies of the DVD
 - Check DVD for scratches or cracks
 - Load DVD into player and check to see that it is functioning properly
 - Prompt DVD to beginning of program
 - Check sound level
- Facility:
 - Make sure there is sufficient seating with clear visibility to screen
 - Encourage people to sit near the front
 - Check that lighting can dim sufficiently to see screen clearly
 - Set-up tables for refreshments (if applicable)
- Other:
 - Set out handouts for easy distribution
 - Have some pens available
 - Take photographs with a digital camera
 - Review the *Introductory and Concluding Remarks* and *Frequently Asked Questions*

HOW DID IT GO?

- Let us know—call 630-739-9750 or email info@mwtf.org.
- Send photographs of the event to info@mwtf.org.
- Collect reviews and comments to share on our website (www.remainwithuslord.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/MidwestTheologicalForum).

HOW CAN I HELP SUPPORT MORE INITIATIVES LIKE “REMAIN WITH US, LORD”?

“Remain with Us, Lord” was produced by Midwest Theological Forum. You can also help Midwest Theological Forum continue its mission of publishing materials and organizing courses for Catholic bishops, priests and laity:

- Invite others to view and/or purchase the video.
- Make a donation to Midwest Theological Forum.
- “Like” Midwest Theological Forum on Facebook.

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INTRODUCTORY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

At each celebration of the Mass, you experience a real and transforming encounter with Jesus Christ, the Son of God in your life. There is a moment when every Mass ever attended seems as one, from the beginning of its institution and from everywhere around the world, and there is a continuity—a direct experienced connection. The words, the gestures, and the music blend into a passionate reality of God’s love for us.

The Mass is the source and summit of the Christian life where people celebrate their joys, share their grief, vividly remember past hopes, and pray for the present and future.

The Mass is the means to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. The Mass transforms us into new beings that can transform the world into a place where we can live better, a place where peace and joy reign through the hope of the Resurrection.

In “Remain with Us, Lord”, a video by Midwest Theological Forum, we hear from Catholic theologians who explain the doctrinal meaning of the Mass, and from over twenty priests, individuals, and families who attend Mass and answer the central question of what it means to them and how it affects their daily and spiritual lives.

Filmed in the United States and Ireland, the testimonies and reflections brought together in this special video will touch hearts and encourage reflection on the importance and meaning of the Mass in our own lives.

To purchase the DVD or download the video visit the “Remain with Us, Lord” website www.remainwithuslord.org.

MIDWEST THEOLOGICAL FORUM

Midwest Theological Forum (MTF) is a not-for-profit corporation that publishes materials and organizes courses for Catholic bishops, priests and laity. Among MTF's most popular books are Daily Roman Missal, Handbook of Prayers, the titles of The Didache Series, Missale Romanum, Book of the Gospels, Code of Canon Law Annotated, and the Roman Missal, Third Edition.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the video titled *Remain with Us, Lord*?

The title *Remain with Us, Lord* recalls the Biblical scene of the disciples who on the evening of the Resurrection encountered Jesus as they walked along the road leading to the town of Emmaus (Lk 24: 13-35).

“Weighed down with sadness, they never imagined that this stranger was none other than their Master, risen from the dead. Yet they felt their hearts burning within them as he spoke to them and ‘explained’ the Scriptures. The light of the Word unlocked the hardness of their hearts and ‘opened their eyes’. Amid the shadows of the passing day and the darkness that clouded their spirit, the Wayfarer brought a ray of light which rekindled their hope and led their hearts to yearn for the fullness of light. ‘Stay with us’, they pleaded. And he agreed. Soon afterwards, Jesus’ face would disappear, yet the Master would ‘stay’ with them, hidden in the ‘breaking of the bread’ which had opened their eyes to recognize him (Pope John Paul II; Apostolic Letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, no.1).”

Who produced the documentary?

Remain with Us, Lord was produced by The Cresta Group for Midwest Theological Forum.

The Cresta Group is a Chicago-based, award-winning production company that specializes in the production of message-driven videos and documentaries for non-profits and corporations worldwide.

The video is distributed by Midwest Theological Forum. Midwest Theological Forum is a not-for-profit corporation that publishes books and organizes seminars for Catholic bishops, priests, and laity.

What is the purpose of the video?

The heartfelt reflections and testimonies featured in *Remain with Us, Lord* aim to inspire a renewed love for and devotion to the Holy Mass and the Eucharist in the Church today.

Watching the video opens up the possibilities for reflection and discussion about:

- Why the Eucharist is the true and only nourishment that can satisfy our deepest longings.
- How the Eucharist can direct our understanding of love and freedom.
- The importance of Sunday Mass in our daily lives and for our families.
- How to prepare for Mass and how to get the most from it.
- How the Mass and the Eucharist are necessary to bring Christ to others and into the world.

How can the video be used?

The 35 minute video is ideal for teenagers, young adults, and adults, and is best viewed in a parish, conference, classroom, or small group setting.

Where was the video filmed?

Remain with Us, Lord was filmed in the United States and Ireland.

In 2012, during filming, Ireland was in the midst of hosting the **50th International Eucharistic Congress**. “A Eucharistic Congress is an international gathering of people which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church, to help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist (Source: <http://www.iec2012.ie>).”

Is the video available in other languages?

The video is available in English with subtitles in English and Spanish.

Where is the video sold?

The video is available on DVD and digital download at www.remainwithuslord.org