

# **52+ SCREEN EXPERIENCES**

## **to be SAVORED OVER THE YEAR AHEAD**

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SCREEN ART AND IMAGES PROFOUNDLY IMPACT THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED BY THEM... FOR BETTER OR WORSE! FOR SIX DECADES I HAVE ENJOYED WATCHING GREAT FILMS [MOVIES, TELEVISION, "VIDEOS," etc. = "SCREEN EXPERIENCES"]. LONG BEFORE I FOUND THE COURAGE TO ANSWER JESUS' CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD I PURSUED A CAREER IN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION AND DIRECTION. I WROTE SCREENPLAYS DURING MY HIGH SCHOOL YEARS AND MAJORED IN COMMUNICATION AND THEATER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME. MY LIFE HAS BEEN GREATLY ENRICHED BY THIS ART FORM AND I SEEK WITH THESE LISTS TO HELP OTHERS TO FIND AND EXPERIENCE TRUTH, GOODNESS, AND BEAUTY – AND TO CONSIDER THE CONFLICT THAT INEVITABLY RESULTS WHEN THEY CLASH WITH THE FALSE, THE EVIL AND THE HIDEOUS.

MANY OF THESE FILMS ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND WELL WORTH WATCHING TOGETHER. **MANY OF THEM ARE NOT!!!** PARENTS—YOU KNOW YOUR CHILDREN IN A WAY NO ONE ELSE DOES. SOME ARE MORE SENSITIVE... SOME LESS. IN A FEW SECONDS OF VIEWING, INNOCENCE CAN BE LOST FOREVER. LITTLE ONES CAN BE FRIGHTENED OR DISTURBED BY THE BEST OF MOVIES [e.g. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST... EVEN DARBY O'GILL AND THE LITTLE PEOPLE!] YOU NEED TO WATCH THESE FILMS IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SHOW THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN... **AND KEEP UP YOUR OWN GUARD AS YOU ARE VIEWING THEM. OCCASIONALLY YOU WILL NEED TO BE "QUICK ON THE DRAW" WITH YOUR REMOTE CONTROL AND THE "FAST FORWARD" BUTTON!**

OTHER LISTS... 300 GREAT FILMS... AND LISTS ACCORDING TO GENRES [WESTERNS, ADVENTURES, ROMANCE, EPICS, etc.] MAY BE FOUND AT [HEARTOFCATECHESIS.ORG](http://HEARTOFCATECHESIS.ORG).

***MAY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. CLARE GUIDE YOU IN THIS ENDEAVOR!***

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS  
LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY  
PASSION OF THE CHRIST  
THE GREAT ESCAPE  
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE  
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD  
CHARIOTS OF FIRE  
DANCES WITH WOLVES  
THE QUIET MAN  
KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

WEST SIDE STORY—ORIGINAL 1961 VERSION  
BRAVE HEART  
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF  
AVALON  
HIGH NOON  
SHANE  
MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS  
PATTON  
KAROL THE MAN WHO BECAME POPE  
WIZARD OF OZ

MAN OF LA MANCHA  
AMADEUS  
A HIDDEN LIFE  
THE STAR WARS FILMS [IV-VI... and sections of I-III]  
SPIDERMAN TRILOGY [2001—2007]  
JAMES BOND FILMS [a number of them are quite good...]  
HITCHCOCK FILMS [esp. North by Northwest, Rear Window, Vertigo]  
GODFATHER I & II  
CITIZEN KANE  
UNTOUCHABLES

THE GREAT SANTINI  
GALLIPOLI  
SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION  
THE GREEN MILE  
SINGING IN THE RAIN  
TWELVE ANGRY MEN  
COOL HAND LUKE  
THE RIGHT STUFF  
BEN HUR  
THE FUGITIVE

EXCALIBUR  
IMMORTAL BELOVED  
THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY  
MAGNIFICENT SEVEN  
THE BIG COUNTRY  
THE AFRICAN QUEEN  
FORREST GUMP  
OF GODS AND MEN  
FIELD OF DREAMS  
ROB ROY

*and...*

CIVIL WAR SERIES—KEN BURNS DOCUMENTARY  
JOHN ADAMS SERIES—HBO  
BAND OF BROTHERS SERIES—HBO