

# MOVIE MEMORABILIA

## How To Enjoy Your Movie Experience

(NAPSA)—When choosing a movie, many people want to know more than who the stars are and how well it's doing at the box office. Some moviegoers—especially those with young children—would like some guidance on the moral content of a movie.

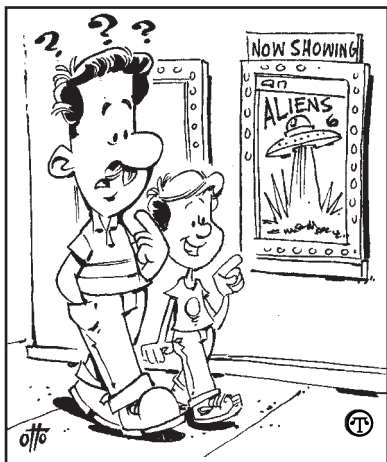
To help, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Office for Film and Broadcasting offers weekly movie reviews of leading box office attractions. Moviegoers can get reviews and ratings for these movies—based on artistic merit and moral sensibility—via a hotline and online.

The site not only rates movies but will recommend a family video of the week, a Top 10 list of the past year's movies and an all-time Top 45 list of movies recommended by the Vatican.

For example, the Top 10 list for 2004 included movies such as "The Aviator" and "Finding Neverland." The Vatican Top 45 list includes such movies as "On the Waterfront," "It's a Wonderful Life," "Schindler's List," "The Seventh Seal" and "Citizen Kane."

The movie rating system includes the USCCB rating, the Motion Picture Association of America rating and a brief synopsis of the movie. USCCB classifications are as follows:

- A-I—general patronage;
- A-II—adults and adolescents;
- A-III—adults;
- L—limited adult audience; films whose problematic content



**A movie review service will let you know if a movie is family-friendly or objectionable.**

many adults would find troubling. L replaces the previous classification A-IV;

- A-IV—adults, with reservations (an A-IV classification designates problematic films that, while not morally offensive in themselves, require caution and some analysis and explanation as a safeguard against wrong interpretations and false conclusions);

- O—morally offensive.

The service also reviews movies on TV, movies in wide and limited release, movies coming soon and new on DVD/video, family video releases, and an archival movie list.

To access the service, call 1-800-311-4222 or visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).