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**NEW MOTION PICTURE ON SAINT MARY'S LIFE TO PLAY AT
THE OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA ON FRIDAY EVENING**

On Friday, December 6 at 7 pm, the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the Ottawa Family Cinema will be showing the new motion picture *Mary of Nazareth* at the Ottawa Family Cinema, 710 Broadview Avenue, Ottawa. This true story uses a historic backdrop to tell the story of Saint Mary – the mother of Jesus; one of the Church's most beloved and well-known saints. Its message is as timely today as when Jesus was born. It is the story of one who's simple and humble "yes" led to the transformation of the world, who's heart was pierced as with a sword and who was welcomed into heaven.

Michael Coren, author and television host said: "*Mary of Nazareth* is as sensitive as it is compelling. It's very easy for Bible-based movies to bathe in saccharine and emotionalism, but not this film. The pace, casting, and stylish use of special effects and imagination paint a unique and lasting picture. Deeply moving, deeply successful."

Ted Hurley, Director of Youth Ministry with the Archdiocese of Ottawa, chose the screening date as closely as possible to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. Hurley said: "Mary's example of humility and love can lead us to change our lives. She points to her Son in the womb, His healing of the sick and His dying on the cross for us. Watching the movie is a great way to prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas."

For tickets – \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door, or \$6 in advance for Ottawa Family Cinema members or \$8 at the door for members – visit www.familycinema.ca or call the cinema at 613-722-8218. For more information, contact Ted Hurley at thurley@archottawa.ca or call him at the Diocesan Centre at 613-738-5025 ext. 231.

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