

My dear Little Flower,

Thank you to all those who participated in our Film Festival. It is a joy for a number of our faith community to be gathering together, to be fed by the Holy Spirit in the context of fun, faith-sharing, and film-viewing. This week (Saturday) is special because we are showing *The Hollywood Priest: the Story of Fr "Bud" Keiser*, which is produced by Fr Tom Gibbons (brother of our parishioner Kelly Kavangh).

Stories and storytelling is such an important part of our life journey. We learn from each other when we become vulnerable with each other, we connect with each other spiritually and emotionally, when we learn the skill of sharing our stories truthfully authentically. We have so many life stories we can share and learn from each other.

For me, *The Hollywood Priest* is a story of a vocation - a calling of God. It is a story of a priest's pilgrimage of discernment. Discernment is defined as: the virtue and ability to judge well, which aims to obtain spiritual guidance and understanding. His story illustrates the power of prayer in one's journey of discernment. We have a calling from God - this calling encourages each pilgrim to learn the skill of discernment through a solid prayer and sacramental life, to walk a path of spiritual accompaniment and friendship, and to seek support of a community of faith.

See you at our *Season Finale* of the Chosen Film Festival, next week - Saturday at 7PM! Don't forget to bring your Life Passports!

Your parish priest,
Fr JC Merino