

Covenant of Care Policy #1 re: Movies

1. That ratings established by the Saskatchewan Film and Video Classifications Board <http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/CPD-SK-FCB> be adhered to as part of Catechetical program for children and youth as well as, if applicable, camp policy, with (14A) being the highest rating that will be considered as long as all of the youth involved are 15 or over. If the youth involved are younger than 15 the highest rating will be PG. These guidelines are as follows (from the Saskatchewan Film and Video Classifications Board):

- General (G);
- Parental Guidance (PG);
- 14 years of age or older or under 14 if accompanied by an adult (14A);
- 18 years of age or older or under 18 if accompanied by an adult (18A);
- Restricted (R); and
- Adult (A).

In addition, each film is required to list required informational advisories such as: not recommended for children, mature theme, language may offend, coarse language, crude content, violence, brutal violence, sexual violence, nudity, sexual content, gory scenes, frightening scenes, disturbing content, or substance abuse. (section 6, regulation 16) *(See e comparable ratings from the US.)

2. The persons choosing the movies will also avoid movies with content advisories of severe violence, nudity and a great deal of crude language or behaviour that is in any way demeaning to our humanity, especially when being shown to youth under 18.
3. If the supervisors/ catechists decide to show clips as part of a lesson or catechetical teaching from movies that that are above the designated rating or with objectionable content they may, as long as the objectionable parts are removed.
4. All movies must be “pre-screened” by the directors or supervising adults plus some additional research should be done as to objectionable content on such sites:
 - <http://www.imdb.com/>
 - <http://www.kids-in-mind.com/>
 - <http://www.pluggedin.ca>
 - <https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

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* US Comparable rating system

Rating Summary	SK	MPAA
General (G) Suitable for viewing by all ages	G	G
PG - Parental guidance is advised. Theme or content may not be suitable for all children.	PG	PG
14A indicates that persons under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. May contain violence, coarse language, and/or sexually suggestive scenes. Parents Cautioned The somewhat equivalent US rating is PG -13 . For this category, parents are cautioned that some material may not be suitable for children under the age of 13	14A	PG 13
18A Suitable for viewing by persons 18 years of age or older. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. May contain explicit violence, frequent coarse language, sexual activity and/or horror The somewhat equivalent US rating is R . In the US, patrons under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian	18A	R
Restricted (R) Admittance restricted to persons 18 years of age and older. Content not suitable for minors. Contains frequent sexual activity, brutal/graphic violence, intense horror and/or other disturbing content NC-17 No one under 17 admitted	R	NC-17