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Western Reserve PBS to air special Catholicism series

Four-part series to air on channels WNEO 45.1 and WEAO 49.1

KENT, Ohio — Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 — In the moving and epic documentary series **Catholicism**, author and theologian Rev. Robert Barron tells the story of Catholicism around the world. Rev. Barron also examines how Christianity has helped shape the nature of this rich and powerful faith. The four-part series will air on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1) at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12 and 26 and Nov. 2.

Rev. Barron is Francis Cardinal George Professor of Faith and Culture at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago and ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The executive producer of **Catholicism** is Mike Leonard, an acclaimed filmmaker, veteran correspondent for NBC's "Today" show and producer of the popular public television series "Ride of Our Lives." Together, Rev. Barron and Leonard spent two years traveling the world with a crew of seasoned network television producers.

The production crew travels to some of the most magnificent and sacred sites in Jerusalem, Rome, Krakow, Warsaw, New York, Istanbul, Sinai, Chicago and beyond. The crew was granted exclusive access to film privately in many locations inaccessible to the general public. Highlights include some of the world's architectural and artistic masterpieces: The Dome of the Rock, The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, rare views of the Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Pope's private gardens, as well as Chartres, Notre Dame and Cologne cathedrals.

Episode Descriptions:

#101: "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man"

In this first episode of **Catholicism**, journey with the Rev. Robert Barron to the mysterious and sacred sites of the Holy Land. From Caesarea Phillipi, to the Sea of Galilee, to Jerusalem and finally to the eternal city of Rome, Rev. Barron illuminates the Catholic Faith's conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man in Christ.

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#102: “That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God”

Journey from the heights of Mount Sinai to the mysterious sites of Istanbul, from the glittering streets of Paris to the glorious Sistine Chapel. Rev. Barron presents the Catholic faith’s compelling vision of God as the ineffable and majestic Trinity.

#103: “Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God”

Travel to the ruins of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Rev. Barron explains the Catholic Church’s great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation.

#104: “The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure”

The Catholic Church’s missionary endeavor begins with the adventures of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. From Ephesus, Corinth, Athens and Rome and to the far reaches of the world, Rev. Barron traces the influence of these two great apostles and their enduring legacies in the life of the Church.

About Western Reserve Public Media

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Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO.2/WEAO.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO.3/WEAO.3) and V-me (WNEO.4/WEAO.4).

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