

Fireproof Endorsements (Catholic Leadership)

"This month a movie [Fireproof,] will be released that follows the difficulties of a married couple who have decided to divorce. The movie is infused with evangelical Christianity's sense of marriage as a covenant, and Catholics can share that and complete it with our understanding of marriage as a sacrament. I don't see many movies, but this was one I watched and was moved by."

Cardinal Francis George Archdiocese of Chicago

"Fireproof is a remarkable film that can be helpful to those preparing for marriage, those in the first years of marriage and those who are struggling within a marriage. It is artistically well-done, it provides remarkable wisdom and it truly touches the heart. With the divorce rate even among Catholics as high as it is and the obvious struggles that so many people continue to experience within marriage, this is a film that addresses the challenges of life realistically, persuasively and with humor. I invite you to see it when it opens locally."

Archbishop Alfred Hughes Archdiocese of New Orleans

"Fireproof is an excellent film that makes marriage commitment real and attainable with Christ's grace."

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz Archdiocese of Louisville

"Fireproof dramatically affirms that a marriage works best when the husband, the wife and God work together for its success."

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight The Knights of Columbus

"The movie was excellent. We highly recommend it for all ages, especially for its realistic portrayal and handling of complex issues affecting young couples (and not so young as well) today. These include balancing jobs and finances with marriage and family, as well as the importance of a true Christ-centered commitment to the priority of mutual love and self-giving that living the marriage vows entail.

The role of husband and wife, showing their struggles, their selfishness at times and insensitivity toward their spouse; the human weakness we all share, as well as inherent goodness and desire to love was very powerfully portrayed. The role and character of

the father in the movie was also very well done, showing him to be a spiritual guide for his "lost" son and winning him over by patient wisdom. This was a truly wholesome story.

I could say much more, but I would simply add that anyone who sees this movie will necessarily reassess his or her own commitment to the true meaning of marriage and gain confidence that in Christ, every grace and blessing necessary to live the demanding love called for in a true marriage covenant, are generously available when we open ourselves to receive them!"

Stephen M. Matuszak, S.T.L. Director of Catechesis Diocese of Sacramento

"I responded to a free screening for Catholic leaders with little more than curiosity about this new film. I came out of the screening ready to spread the word that this is a movie that all married couples need to see! **Fireproof** doesn't hesitate to show us the reality of married life today – two jobs, two schedules, two hearts that have stopped trying to connect amid the distractions of our culture. Fortunately, the film is also bold enough to show us where true love comes from and how we, too, can find it – in the Source of all love.

Fireproof demonstrates the fundamental Catholic belief that the relationship of husband to wife images Christ's love of his bride the Church, and without the cross of self-sacrifice and self-giving in marriage, we will be easily deceived into the selfish and unfulfilling relationships our culture holds out as the norm."

Mrs. Mary Ann Chezik, Ph.D. Family Ministries
Diocese of Camden

Fireproof was both inspiring and fun. It gave me a number of insights regarding how a man is to selflessly lay down his life for his bride — especially when he realizes all the ways he has failed to do so in the past. It seems to me that Fireproof also provides a metaphor for how bishops and priests — who, in various ways through the centuries, have also failed to lay down their lives for their bride, the Church — should redouble their efforts to regain the trust and confidence of their flock, including all of our separated brethren. I pray that this movie will not only help to build up the unity of many marriages, but of the Church as well. I look forward to promoting Fireproof in our diocese this coming September.

Fred Everett, JD Director, Office of Family Life Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend

"Fireproof has been the best movie I've seen that demonstrates how to fight for your marriage. It is so easy to think of divorce when things go wrong in your marriage, and it

is simply because God is not in the center of it. This movie is a powerful heart-moving instrument that gives married couples the tools of how to surpass any obstacles that impedes you to love yourself, love your spouse, LOVE YOUR MARRIAGE. My husband and I are already helping couples that are struggling in their marriages to put in place the movie's Love Dare and it is working for them. It is a MUST SEE movie."

Eva L. Del Río

Office of Family Life & Pastoral Care

Diocese of Orlando

"Fireproof reminds even those in happy marriages to always treasure and respect their spouse. It is a movie that will appeal to both men and women."

Sabrina Burton Schultz Director of Life Ministry Diocese of St. Petersburg

"We live in a culture in which the true meaning of marriage is in danger of being lost beyond recognition. "Fireproof" rediscovers it. Every married (and engaged) couple should see this wonderful film!"

Pete Remmert Executive Director Catholic Television of San Antonio

"Fireproof was a fun, funny and moving film. Being recently engaged, I was excited to see marriage portrayed as worth the fight, no matter the odds."

Kara Coulter

Ave Maria Radio personality

"Fireproof provided a highly entertaining and moving movie. It was well acted with a very good script. It is proof that you do not need sex, violence or foul language to make a really good movie. My wife and I had not discussed a movie at such length in quite some time. I can't wait to see it again."

Roger Ibarra, Jr.

Knights of Columbus-Pro-Life Chair

"I greatly enjoyed viewing Fireproof and am looking forward to sharing the good news about this film with my readers and listeners. Rarely does a movie come along that at once entertains, edifies and inspires the viewer so thoroughly. I found myself caught up in the story, charmed by and rooting for the characters, and reflecting on the importance of a Christ-centered marriage. Movies such as Fireproof have the potential to transform our society one family at a time. Congratulations to all those involved in bringing this important project to fruition."

Lisa M. Hendey Founder and Editor CatholicMom.com

"I look forward to organizing various student groups to attend this film. Fireproof was a wonderful tool to explore the reality that Marriage is a Sacrament. A couple is bound to one another through a Covenant - with God as their Witness, their stronghold, their salvation. With faith and perseverance, healing and reconciliation are possible."

Vinci Halbrook-Paterson M. Div.

Assistant Director for Faith Formation Campus Ministry, University of Portland

"I highly recommend and encourage the support and viewing of the movie, Fireproof. My husband and I found this pro-marriage film to be realistic, entertaining and at times equally challenging. There remains much to reflect on when the film is over! It's well done!"

Kathy Laird Director of Marriage, Family and Life Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

"Fireproof is a movie that provides an eye opener to our faith communities to review how they provide support and pastoral care for married couples throughout the life cycle of marriage. This movie is a call to action to champion the sacred vows of a marriage covenant and support couples struggling with temptations that dishonor their sacred vows."

Louise Ritz Director, Department of Marriage and Family Life Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

"I laughed, I cried, and I was at the edge of my seat, but most of all I absolutely LOVED the message! Fireproof is about TRUE, free, faithful and total love that cannot be possible on our human weaknesses alone."

Delia Sanchez
Gabriel Project Life Center Coordinator
Diocese of Austin

"Fireproof is a great example of lifting up the dignity of marriage. It is empowering to watch a movie that shows the many ways people struggle and overcome personal obstacles that threaten the covenant of marriage. The commitment to prayer, attention to the marriage vows were realistic and touching."

Bonnie Rodgers Marketing and Promotion Boston CatholicTV

"Mary and I had the honor and privilege of seeing the screening of Fireproof. For many years our trust level for Hollywood has diminished, the movies made us very uncomfortable, to say the least. However we were overwhelmed with the movie Fireproof. We celebrate with you in the making of this magnificent movie, we know God's hand was the special instrument in the filming of this movie.

Mary and I are not extremely emotional, however we were moved to Tears as the movie progressed. A movie like this does a heart good, to know through the Grace of God, that many hard working hours went into the making of this exceptional movie. We pray that all may see this movie, and have their hearts enlighten as we did. May God continue to richly bless you all in your new endeavors. (The time has come.)" Ken and Mary Davis

CCE and DRE at St. Justin the Martyr Diocese of Galveston-Houston

"When I saw the movie "Fireproof", I found it refreshing and heart warming to experience the truth about love in marriage presented in a dynamic and entertaining way on the big screen. I pray that many of the faithful take this opportunity to be entertained and uplifted by this wonderful story of struggle, love, faith and hope."

Fr. Christopher Talbot Pastor, St. Francis -St. Maximilian Parish Archdiocese of Detroit

"Fireproof is a gift to a culture struggling to address problems and distractions that can arise in marriage. It points them in the direction needed to overcome those struggles: Christ Jesus. I was both entertained and invigorated by this film. I left the theater with a resolve to work harder in my role as a husband, a father and spiritual leader in my home. Fireproof is a film that everyone -- whether in a good marriage, a troubled marriage, or just thinking about marriage -- should see and experience for themselves.

I thought the song "Slow Fade" by Casting Crowns was a very good choice to be included in the film's soundtrack. With the lyric '[People/Families] never crumble in a day' I felt it provided a message also reflected in the film."

Matt Sarto Author/Moderator CatholicSphere "Fireproof is one of the best movies I have seen in years! It is full of action, reality and problem-solving skills, all rolled into a heart-wrenching and entertaining film. It's great to see a 'guy-flick' about marriage. Fireproof can change lives. Don't miss it!" Coleen Kelly Mast

Respect Incorporated.com

Co-Host of "The Doctor Is In" Radio Show on EWTN

"A must see movie for all married couples and young adults. It takes takes two make a couple but three with our Lord to make a marriage last a life time."

Oscar Guzman

Diocesan Youth Director

Diocese of Amarillo

"Fireproof is not only an action packed drama, it's great teaching tool that speaks to the covenant of marriage and the importance of Evangelization! Lucia and I have been married for thirty six years and we left the theater teary eyed, holding hands, and recommitted to the Lord, each other and our children."

Deacon Stephen Thomashefski, Director of Outreach and Evangelization Transfiguration Catholic Church, Ypsilanti. MI (Diocese of Lansing)

"Fireproof is great entertainment, with a great message. Fireproof has it all: a great story line, compelling characters and absolutely believable action and reaction. I loved Fireproof."

Dr Jennifer Roback Morse Founder and President The Ruth Institute.