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All I have to hear is that there is a movie about a church se scandal and I am there. “For Christ’s Sake” is just that and I had a great time watching it. Robert (Jed Rees) is a small town priest who learns that his brother, Alan (Will Sasso), is in need of a loan for cancer treatment so Robert secretly borrows money from the church’s emergency fund to help

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him. He later learns that his brother used the money to help finance a porn movie and that Robert is the producer. (The really funny thing is that this could actually happen). Robert has a moral decision to make about how to put the money back.

The film touches on two very sensitive issues—sex and the church and through humor manages to diffuse the ideas that there are topics that cannot be talked about. As you can well imagine, there is something here to offend everyone.

Robert parts with \$57,000 that he took from the church account and when he discovers where the money really went, he struggles to get it repaid and end his own troubles. As Robert gets closer to his brother, he learns more about himself and discovers the real reason he decided to become a priest. He also conducts prayer circles to bless scenes in the porn movie.

The script is one laugh after another and the cast is wonderful. While you might think that the film is quite simple, there are some issues covered here that are quite important. We learn about faith and family and how to reach out to those who need our help.

All of the characters are likeable even Alan, the lying brother. There are no villains here and the movie has a lot of heart even though the jokes are about sex and religion. I love this film and the scene with the boy and his mother who takes him to the priest because he is playing with himself is one of the funniest I have seen.

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