



# Reel Reviews with Fr. Luigi

## What is the message of this movie?

This movie is a drama not meant to be a strictly historic account of the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, but it portrays many of the essential facts of the saint's life. Through the sad scenes of her captivity to the new life in Italy where she finally found not only physical freedom but also new life in Jesus Christ, we may feast our eyes and ears with stunning descriptions of life, costumes and mentality of the past century. The gentle and loving personality of Bakhita is well-inspired and emphasized in the film, leading us to follow her shining example of Christian hope and reconciliation and offer it to a world which even today needs it so badly. She is a modern saint whose life is an inspiration, and whose story is worth discovering. Pope John Paul II declared her a saint in the year 2000 and also patron saint of Sudan.

It is interesting to hear the actors speaking the north-of-Italy dialect well-translated in the English subtitles of the movie. Well done!

## To whom would you recommend this movie?

- \*adults/youth (PG – Some graphic content; Italian w/ English subtitles)
- \*parish events
- \*RCIA, study, catechesis, retreat
- \*Deacons, priests, teachers, educators
- \*Study on saint's life or high school presentation