

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *FOUR FAVORITE FILMS*

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### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM/*Women's Room*

- In what ways does this woman "die"?
- In what ways is she "resurrected"?
- In what ways is the young girl like the Holy Spirit?

#### CONFIRMATION/*The Sisters O'Malley*

- Have you ever experienced food tasting better because it was served or shared?
- Why is service so important for Christians?
- Who is your favorite sister in the movie? Can you name one of her gifts?

#### EUCCHARIST/*The Soda Jerks*

- What did Zelma have to sacrifice in order to dish out God's abundance?
- When has God surprised you with abundance?
- How can we share God's abundance with others, especially with the poor?

#### EUCCHARIST/*The Sisters O'Malley*

- Why does the food taste bad?
- Why does it taste good at the end?
- Why does Jesus come to us as bread and wine?

#### RECONCILIATION/*The Sisters O'Malley*

- Why aren't the sisters getting along?
- What brings the sisters together at the end?
- What does it "cost" them to achieve reconciliation?

#### ANOINTING/*Dogwoman & Magicman*

- At what point is Nahlah healed?
- Is anyone else healed? How?
- Why do you think we use oil for the anointing of the sick?

#### MARRIAGE/*The Soda Jerks*

- What might we surmise about Zelma's marriage?
- Thea's marriage?
- Are their memories of marriage painful or joyful?

#### HOLY ORDERS/*Dogwoman & Magicman*

- How is the Magicman like a priest?
- Badra?
- Nahla?

*What questions can  
you come up with?*

### OTHER THEMES

#### GOD'S LOVE AND PROVIDENCE/*The Soda Jerks*

- How did God provide for Zelma?
- When has God surprised you with love?
- How can you surprise others with love?

#### JESUS' HUMANITY AND DIVINITY/*Dogwoman & Magicman*

- In what ways does this story show Jesus' humanity?
- In what ways does this story show his divinity?
- Is there any contradiction in Jesus being fully human and fully divine?

#### JESUS' MISSION TO ALL/*Dogwoman & Magicman*

- Why doesn't Jesus want to heal Nahlah?
- Does he change his mind? If so, why?
- Would Jesus be upset to hear Badra praising her old god Astarte at the end?

#### GRACE/*Women's Room*

- How was God present?
- What allowed the woman to be open to God's grace?
- Where is God's grace in your life?

#### PRAYER/*Women's Room*

- Can you identify any moments of prayer that the woman had?
- Why was it important that she "get away" in order to pray?
- Where and when can you find time to pray each day?

**OTHER THEMES, cont.**PAUSING TO LISTEN TO GOD/*Women's Room*

- How does God speak to the woman?
- What does God say to her?
- When and what does God speak to you?

MISSION AND SERVICE/*Women's Room*

- How did the woman's experience change her?
- Why did she help her co-worker at the end?
- What kind of mission or service is God calling you to?

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND FAMILY/*The Sisters O'Malley*

- What makes the sisters a family?
- Why is it important that they remain a family?
- What makes your family a Christian community, and what makes your Christian community or parish a family?

RACISM/*The Soda Jerks*

- How do you think Zelma became racist?
- How do you think she was able to let go of (at least some of) her racism?
- What does Jesus teach us about racism?

RACISM AND SEXISM/*Dogwoman & Magicman*

- Why does Jesus call Badra a dog?
- Does Jesus really think Badra being a woman prevents her from being one of his leaders?

- Can you think of any ways in which you are racist or sexist? Why?

AGING AND LONELINESS/*The Soda Jerks*

- Do you think Zelma became bitter because she was lonely or lonely because she was bitter?
- Do you think Thea was lonely?
- What causes loneliness? What heals it?

*What themes can you come up with?*

*What questions would you ask about these films?*

**GENERAL***The Soda Jerks*

- What does Zelma really want?
- In what ways does Thea give that to her?
- Does Zelma give anything to Thea?

*The Sisters O'Malley*

- Who do you think made the dinner?
- Who is your favorite sister and why?
- How do the O'Malley sisters remind you of your family?

*Dogwoman & Magicman*

- What is Badra afraid of?
- What is the Magicman afraid of?
- Why is Nahlah able to speak in the end?

*Women's Room*

- Why is the woman so afraid of her predicament?
- Is the young girl friendly, cruel, or both?
- Where might you go for some peace and quiet (or to be shaken up)?

