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characters, spaces, and rituals have been stock features in popular	
films since the silent era. An intensely visual religion with a well-	
defined ritual and authority system, Catholicism lends itself to the	
drama and pageantry of film. Moviegoers watch as Catholic	