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A New Documentary from Bishop Robert Barron Coming to U.S. Theatres September 20 & 23

AN IMMERSIVE, CINEMATIC JOURNEY THROUGH FIVE OF FRANCE'S MOST ICONIC GOTHIC CATHEDRALS

ROCHESTER, MN, and DENVER, CO — April 29, 2026 — Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Fathom Entertainment, the leading specialty distributor of theatrical content worldwide, announced Bishop Robert Barron's *Heaven in Stone and Glass*, a new feature documentary offering an immersive cinematic exploration of five of France's most iconic Gothic cathedrals and the spiritual meaning embedded within them. This film is coming to theatres nationwide on September 20 and 23, 2026.

On April 15, 2019, the world watched in horror as flames erupted from the rafters of Notre-Dame Cathedral—an event that captivated global audiences and ignited an overwhelming response of loss, awe, and shared cultural grief. Why did the threat to this sacred space resonate so deeply, even among those with no religious affiliation? Bishop Robert Barron returns to France to answer this question, taking the viewer on a cinematic pilgrimage. Produced in collaboration with Spirit Juice Studios, *Heaven in Stone and Glass* marks a historic milestone: Word on Fire's first-ever theatrical release.

Bishop Robert Barron—bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, founder of Word on Fire, and host of the acclaimed *CATHOLICISM* series—now brings his singular gift for making the transcendent accessible to the grandeur of the theatrical experience. In *Heaven in Stone and Glass*, he

leads audiences inside five of France's most awe-inspiring Gothic cathedrals, unlocking the theological genius encoded in every soaring arch, blazing rose window, and spiraling labyrinth.

"In our spiritually hungry time, the cathedrals can do what they have always done for those who are open," said Bishop Barron. "They reveal divine treasures that our secular world has forgotten."

Heaven in Stone and Glass is for believers and skeptics alike. It is for anyone who has ever stood before something ancient and beautiful and felt, inexplicably, that they were in the presence of something more.

Tickets for [Heaven in Stone and Glass](#) will be available online on Friday, July 31, and at participating theatre box offices (theatre locations subject to change).

For more information and to be among the first notified when tickets go on sale, please visit [Fathom Entertainment](#).

For [Heaven in Stone and Glass](#) artwork and photos, please visit the Fathom Entertainment [asset page](#).

ABOUT WORD ON FIRE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Bishop Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into—or back to—the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition—art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints—in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ. Word on Fire exists to draw people into the body of Christ, which is the Church, and thereby give them access to all the gifts that Jesus wants his people to enjoy. To be most effective in this mission, Word on Fire places an emphasis and urgency on the use of contemporary forms of media and innovative communication technologies.

ABOUT SPIRIT JUICE STUDIOS

Spirit Juice Studios is a Catholic film production company, started in 2007 with the purpose of elevating Catholic evangelization through cinematic visuals and masterful storytelling. They have since produced videos with hundreds of clients, growing to a robust team that has won multiple awards, including Emmys, Gabriels, and more.

ABOUT FATHOM ENTERTAINMENT

Fathom Entertainment is the leading global specialty distributor of content to movie theatres. For more than 20 years, Fathom Entertainment has pioneered theatrical distribution of events and special engagements across various genres and formats, including feature films, episodic content, documentaries, concerts, and live events. Fathom consistently ranks among the top 10 theatrical distributors in North America and distributes content to cinemas worldwide. Fathom Entertainment is owned by AMC Entertainment Inc. (NYSE: AMC), Cinemark Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CNK), and Regal Cineworld Group (LSE: CINE.L). For more information, visit [FathomEntertainment.com](https://www.FathomEntertainment.com).

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