

★ **The Rule.** color. 86 min. Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno, Bongiorno Prods., [www.therulefilm.com](http://www.therulefilm.com). 2014. DVD UPC 888295170239. \$49.95; acad. libs. \$195 + \$6.95 s/h; home version \$24.95. Public performance; closed-captioned; audio description. ED

The Rule of Saint Benedict refers to a guide for monks living in community. It was created by St. Benedict in the fifth century and is still used in Benedictine monasteries today. The Rule is also the guiding set of principles for the students attending St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, NJ. Despite being located in a city with high poverty and crime rates, St. Benedict's educates these inner-city young men and has a nearly 100 percent college acceptance rate. The school's success is based not only on academics but on fostering a sense of commu-

nity and purpose. The film also showcases the monks who through their dedication to their faith and service are inspiring as they work with the students under their care.

**VERDICT** This uplifting film offers hope for inner-city youth and is highly recommended for all audiences, especially educators and aspiring educators.—**Christine Rigda, Univ. of Toledo**

