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**WATCH THE CONTROVERSIAL STORY OF FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN  
DURING A SCREENING OF “RADIO PRIEST” SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 8 & 9  
AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**DETROIT** - The Detroit Historical Society continues its monthly film series with “**Radio Priest**” showing **Saturday and Sunday, May 8 & 9 at 1 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**. Each screening is free with general admission to the Museum.

“**Radio Priest**,” written, directed and produced by **John Owens** was released in **1998** for **WDIV-TV Local 4**. The film, narrated by **Emery King**, documents the rise and decline of **Father Charles Coughlin**, how he built his controversial radio empire, the construction and expansion of the church he led -- the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak -- and the reason for a new post office in Royal Oak during his tenure. The run time for the film is 24 minutes.

Father Coughlin moved to Royal Oak, MI in 1926 to establish the Shrine of the Little Flower. To raise funds for the church, he rented airtime on the Detroit radio station WJR and began broadcasting his weekly sermons. Known as the “Fighting Priest,” he quickly gained the reputation of a passionate orator and eventually, his broadcasts were heard nationally by 30 million people. Father Coughlin became a political force attacking “godless communism,” the New Deal, labor unions and the international banking community. Because much of his rhetoric was viewed as both anti-government and anti-semitic, his superiors at the Archdiocese of Detroit ended his radio career.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum’s lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*.

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