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Courage International's documentary featuring three individuals who live chastity as part of the Good News receives the 2015 John Paul II Inter-Faith Film Festival Reel Rose award for the People's Festival Award

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-Father Paul Check, Courage International Executive Director-

Norwalk, CT – Today [Courage International](#) announced that its documentary "[Desire of the Everlasting Hills](#)" won an award at this year's John Paul II Inter-Faith Film Festival in Florida. The *John Paul II International Film Festival* was founded ten years after Pope St. John Paul II challenged artists to respond to the world's need for truth, love, and peace through the use of art. It gives recognition to filmmakers who have chosen to use film to "express and share a message of hope, struggle, triumph, and love to the world."

Courage executive director Father Paul Check said "*We are pleased and grateful to receive this recognition for Courage's work in the film Desire of the Everlasting Hills, a documentary that draws much needed attention to an underserved and unheard population of persons who experience same sex attraction and trust that what the Church teaches is true and leads to fulfillment.*"

Desire of the Everlasting Hills consists of three intimate and candid portraits of Catholics who try to navigate the waters of self-understanding, faith, and homosexuality: Dan, a gregarious artist who spent his life hiding a deep sense of isolation from those who loved him; Rilene, a successful businesswoman who realized that twenty-five years with her partner did not provide the fulfillment she had hoped for; and Paul, an international model who, after a life of self-indulgence, found grace in the last place he expected.

Paul Darrow, one of the three subjects of the film who was in attendance at the festival, said "it is a high honor to be recognized at this international film festival and I am hopeful that our witness will help others swim against the dark currents of this world into the light of Truth."

Courage International is a spiritual support system which assists men and women with same-sex attractions to live chaste lives in fellowship, truth and love. Courage has more than 100 chapters worldwide.

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