

# DAILY NEWS

## MOVIE DIGEST

### BONHOEFFER ★★★

Running time: 90 mins. Not Rated: Adult themes. At the Quad.

Though structured as the biography of the late German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Doblmeier's engrossing documentary also offers a well-researched history of his times.

Having dedicated his life to the expression of God's will, Bonhoeffer spent his 20s trying to reconcile that goal with the rise of Nazism. While most European church leaders ignored or abetted Hitler's ascent, Bonhoeffer joined the Resistance.

The most compelling words in the film come from Bonhoeffer himself. When Klaus Maria Brandauer reads from his anguished journals and letters, we can feel the weight of his courageous choices, which still echo in the emptiness so many of his silent colleagues chose not to fill.

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