

# Amsterdam Film Festival Awards Van Gogh to Calvin Thomas, Jr. for "The Trouble with TQ"

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The Amsterdam Film Festival announced the winners of the [2014 Van Gogh Awards](#) today. Calvin Thomas, Jr. a Norfolk-born filmmaker garnered a Van Gogh Award, "World Cinema: First Time Director" for his documentary, "The

Trouble with TQ," a film about the controversial priest, Rev. Thomas J. Quinlan.

A character-driven film about the late Reverend Thomas J. Quinlan ("TQ"), "The Trouble with TQ" unfolds with the newly ordained TQ attacking apathy and spiritual complacency at his first parish with the renewal and reform of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II). Using the Principle of Adaptation, TQ sets out to change the way Catholics celebrate the mass, making The Church relevant to Catholics and Catholics relevant to the world.

Thomas remarked, "It's fitting we received notice on the eve of TQ's ordination in 1958. I think TQ would have enjoyed the timing." The award comes as Thomas continues preparations to hold the World Premiere of the film on 15 May at the historic Naro Expanded Cinema in Norfolk Virginia. Director Thomas points out the location of the premiere in the Ghent neighborhood of Norfolk is also significant for the five years TQ spent at Sacred Heart Parish. In the film, Quinlan describes Granby Street as the "dividing line in Norfolk," adding he spent, "...five years on the white side and eleven years on the black side," referring to his tenure at St. Mary's, now the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

In addition to the film's premiere, the Basilica Mass Choir from St. Mary's will perform, and artwork used in the film will be on display. Doors open at 7:00

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be bought at [this link](#), or calling (410)446-7982

For more information, go to: <http://thetroublewithtq.com/>



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