

Mia Farrow can be seen in Woody Allen's new film Alice.

# 'Alice' proffers flawed picture of Catholicism

NEW YORK (CNS) — Woody Allen provides a serio-comic look at his main character in "Alice" (Orion), the story of a woman who is ironically poised on the edge of her first extramarital affair at the same time that she is seeking to instill deeper values into herself and her kids.

Alice (Mia Farrow) puts her ordered. wealthy lifestyle in jeopardy when she becomes obsessed with Joe (Joe Mantegna), a divorced dad she spots at her kids' private school.

Doug (William Hurt), her shallow and arrogant husband of 16 years, only patronizes her when she expresses a growing desire to do more with her life than shop and gossip with her socialite friends.

Alice's sincere attempts to avoid infidelity fail when a series of magical herb treatments knock out her inhibitions and she flirts madly with a surprised-butpleased Joe. So potent are the herbs that she can fly and spy on her husband while she's invisible, discovering that he has been smugly unfaithful all along.

Feeling guilty and ashamed of her affair, Alice, who is a fallen-away Catholic, decides to leave her husband just as Joe decides to try again with his ex-wife. Although a new magic potion will win the undying adoration of any man she chooses, Alice instead turns to and finds inspiration in the life of Mother Teresa'.

Gifted writer/director Allen manages to infuse a woman's very real mid-life crisis with many moments of sheer hilarity thanks in large part to its fantasy aspects.

Alice is naive, reserved, earnest and entirely lovable. As a result, the uncharacteristic advances she makes towards Joe come as a bit of a shock, until the audience realizes the story will not be confined to logic or realism.

On screen in nearly every frame of the film, Farrow completely inhabits her character, indeed some of the references to her parents seem autobiographical. The supporting cast is nothing less than swell, including Bernadette Peters, Cybill Shepherd, Blythe Danner, Gwen Verdon and Keye Luke as Alice's unorthodox doctor, the dispenser of powerful potions and words of wisdom.

When she succumbs to temptation, Joe taunts her, "There's nothing sexier than a lapsed Catholic." That's a low blow from Allen, and there are narrow-minded references to Catholicism throughout. So although Alice is truly a changed and improved person at film's end her transformation is not very satisfying.

Because of adulterous relationships, benign treatment of recreational drug use and minimal blasphemy, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is 'A-IV adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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