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WESTERLO -- Coming soon to a mailbox near you: Jesus.

Along with all those unsolicited holiday catalogs, 19,001 homes in the Capital Region will receive DVD copies of "Jesus" -- a 1979 Hollywood film depiction of the Christian savior's life.

The mass evangelical effort of the G-rated film will target churches and homes throughout Albany, Greene and Schenectady counties, from Gallupville to Cairo. The local distribution comes from a national organization in California, the Jesus Video Project America, a group established in 1992 with the goal of distributing the Warner Bros. film to every home in America.

"This is not at the expense of any other ministry," said James DeForest, a congregant assisting with fund raising. "This is something that would augment other aspects of ministry."