



THE FLYING FATHERS

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Based on a True Story...

A young, Canadian Hockey phenom, caught between honoring family tradition by entering the priesthood and pursuing his dream of playing for the Montreal Canadiens brings the two worlds together when he forms a team of hockey playing priests in an attempt to save his parish.

BILL MURPHY is the best hockey player ever to come out of the small town of Kingston, Ontario. But, at 18 he's torn between following his heart by trying out for the Montreal Canadiens and following his mother's wishes and joining the priesthood. He opts for a life of God and ends up in the small town of Napanee. Bill and FATHER COSTELLO run the church with FATHER MCKEE while another newcomer, SAMANTHA RYAN reaches school out of the small, run-down church.

McKee learns the diocese is going to have to shut down the church because it can't afford to pay for it, leaving the local residents in a big jam. McKee gets an idea: Father Costello won a Stanley Cup with the Maple Leafs before joining the priesthood, so McKee suggests they put together a hockey team and try to raise money by playing local teams. They do it, but only earn a fraction of what they need. However, "The Flying Fathers" have become a news item and their challenge to play anyone for the gate is soon picked up by more and bigger clubs around the country.

Meanwhile, Bill is falling in love with Samantha; who abruptly takes a job in Montreal to avoid scandal. With ten days left to pay the bank, the team gets a chance to play the Canadiens farm team (the Gulls) for \$14,000, more than enough to keep the school going and save the day. The Fathers beat the Gulls, and save the church. Bill quits the priesthood, marries Sam and fulfills his dream of becoming a Canadian.