**Film bookmarks of *The Mission* for discussion in class**

*Bookmark 1*, (40:27) Redemption scene: When Rodrigo (Robert De Niro) cries when an Indian cuts his “burden” literally and symbolically. It is a very symbolic scene of forgiveness, by the Indians, here on earth, another idea of the Enlightenment that of paradise on earth. This scene also shows the idea of a perfect community bonded by this forgiveness bringing sorrow and happiness in De Niro’s face, great acting.

*Bookmark 2,* (55:) Indian child singing and discussion of their humanity, confrontation between Church and State, Rodrigo questions the Spanish gvt’s honesty in terms of enslaving the Indians.

*Bookmark 3,* (65:00/1:05 up to 1:11:04) Inspection of Mission. 68: Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons) says that the difference of this plantation is that it is theirs. 69:50 Doctrine of the early Christians says the Guarani priest talking to Cardinal Altamirano (Ray McAnally).

The Portuguese slave trader: The work of the Mission is the work of the devil. The Mission teaches contempt for property and law. Mission commercially competitive – reason to take over. Discuss these topics with the class.

*Bookmark 4, (Bookmark 1 on DVD).* 1:20 or 1:17 up to Altamirano visits Father Gabriel’s Mission up the falls and the discussion with the chief about the decision that he reached, the answer of the chief.

A – They must leave the Mission

People – They say that they don’t want to leave the Mission, it is their home.

A- They must learn to submit to the Will of God

P – They said it was the Will of God that they came out of the jungle and build the Mission. They don’t understand why God has changed its Mind.

A – I can not hope to understand God’s reasons.

P – How does he know you know God’s Will? He doesn’t think you speak for God. He thinks you speak for the Portuguese.

A – I do not personally speak for God but I do speak for the Church which is God’s instrument on earth.

P – Why don’t you speak to the King of Portugal.

A – I have spoken to the King of Portugal and he will not listen.

P – He is also king and he also will not listen. They were wrong to have ever trusted us. They will fight.

*Bookmark 5* 1:53 The fight, Rodrigo’s death and death of Father Gabriel.

Conversation between Altamirano and the heads of the Spanish and Portuguese

Spanish: You have no alternative your Eminence, the world is thus.

A – No, thus we made the world, thus have I made it.

Kids, leave and take the violin.

Letter, so, now your priests are dead … it is I that I am dead and they who live.