

# The Conflicting Influence of the Christian Messages in Igboland By: REV Fr Sdv Dr Michael K Onyekwere

*The Homogeneity of the Igbos, the Ethnic Native People of Nigeria: A Comparative and Analytical Study as to its Ethnic Culture*

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“With the changing times, theological problems have emerged affecting social values, norms, and practices in the society. There has been a breakdown in the traditional beliefs of the people...”—”

*REV Fr Sdv Dr Michael K Onyekwere*

Onyekwere, SDV turned his research study into a published book titled, *The Conflicting Influence of the Christian Messages in Igboland: A Theological Enquiry (A Microcosm of the Universal Phenomenon)*. It examines how the homogeneity of a people called the Igbos was destroyed. What they had as sacrosanct degenerated under conflicting and pluralistic Christian messages, thereby replicating the Babel experience in Genesis. For this reason there is a breakdown of the values that gave identity to Igboland, threatening their identity as one people. He hopes to offer some solutions and leave some room for further work to be done in the area of conflict

management and ecumenism.

The author emphasizes that “Religious activities form an important part of daily life for most Africans...Religion for them is more than worship. It provides a social network and serves to provide a sense of continuity. By providing a culturally appropriate liturgy, the Church provides a niche and a sense of belonging. Where this is lacking, some turn to other religious denominations.”

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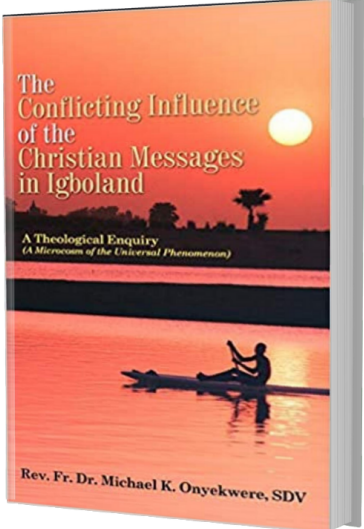
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