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In This Book Discover How the People of Igboland (Southeastern Nigeria) Lost Their Original Christian Identity

The Conflicting Influence of the Christian Messages in Igboland, a new book by Rev. Fr. Michael Kemjika Onyekwere, SDV, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

The Conflicting Influence of the Christian Messages in Igboland examines how the homogeneity of a people called the Igbos was destroyed. What they held as sacrosanct degenerated under conflicting and pluralistic Christian messages, thereby replicating the Babel experience in Genesis. With this book, Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael K. Onyekwere, SDV wishes to draw readers' attention to identify the reasons why 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.

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