

# CATHOLIC PRIEST ; VATICAN PREPARES FOR A FIRST CONTACT CLERICS WILL BID TO CONVERT ALIENS: [EIRE Edition]

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## Abstract

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## Full Text

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He thinks there is a growing interest in aliens among Catholics.

He said: "With an increasing number of people believing in the possibility of intelligent life on other planets, it is not surprising the Catholic Church is beginning to explore what effect the discovery of ETs might have on Christian

theology."

The leading theologian believes it is possible there might already be an extraterrestrial version of Jesus on other planets.

He said: "There is one crucial question that will face Christianity if, or when, extra-terrestrial intelligence is discovered - would aliens need to have their own version of Jesus?"

He believes Catholics are obliged to carry the message of God to beings from other planets.

He said: "To withhold from an ET civilisation a part of us as fundamental to ourselves as our religion would be dishonest, and certainly it would show no respect for them as equals.

"The important message that every Christian missionary has carried to each culture is that all people are equal and all of them are heirs to the knowledge of God that has been given to us."

But he believes the Son of God may have revealed himself to alien civilisations already.

He said: "There can only be one Incarnation - though various ET civilisations may or may not have experienced that Incarnation in the same way that Earth did."

### Illustration

Caption: Aliens could join the holy orders according to a new book by the Pope's official astronomer; Guy Consolmagno

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