

## Hollywood-Catholic truce broken?

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Just when we thought that "[Angels & Demons](#)" had called a truce [1] in the battle

between Catholics and Hollywood, a new front has been established.

Screen Gems, part of Columbia TriStar Motion Picture Group and Sony Pictures Entertainment, has announced it is [working on "Priest,"](#) [2] about a rogue, "warrior" priest in a future world ravaged by centuries of war between humans and vampires. The film is based on the Korean comic book series of the same name created by Hyung Min-woo.

Starring are Paul Bettany (You may remember him as Silas in "The Da Vinci Code." I remember him as Geoffrey Chaucer in "A Knight's Tale.") as warrior priest Ivan Isaacs, and Cam Gigandet (who played a vampire in that other vampire movie, "Twilight") as a half-human, half-vampire sheriff. The two team-up to save Gena (not yet cast), Bettany's niece and Gigandet's girl friend.

The film is in pre-production. A late summer 2010 release is expected. Stay tuned for culture war fall out.

Comic book aficionados and Priest fans have noted that [there are no vampires](#) [3] in the original work. They are hoping that by protesting this in blogs and fan Web sites, they can get the movie people to stick more closely to Hyung Min-woo's vision. Good luck with that.

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