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First Look: Andrew Garfield stars in Martin Scorsese's *Silence*

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Martin Scorsese and Andrew Garfield met with media in Taiwan on Monday to discuss their movie, *Silence*, which recently completed filming on the island. Based on Shusako Endo's 1966 novel, *Silence* tells the story of a Portuguese Jesuit missionary who is persecuted along with other Christians in 17th-century Japan. Garfield portrays Father Rodrigues, pictured in an exclusive image with Shinya Tsukamoto, who plays a villager named Mokichi.

At the press conference, Scorsese told reporters that he'd been trying to find a way to adapt this novel since he first read it more than 25 years ago, and that its themes resonated with him deeply. "The subject matter presented by Shusaku Endo was in my life since I was very, very young," he told reporters. "I was very much involved in religion, I was raised in a strong Catholic family. ... Further reflection is how [we] want to lead our life in the Christian faith ... so ultimately this book drew my attention when it was given to me in 1988."

The film, due in 2016, also stars Adam Driver and Liam Neeson.