

‘Exorcist’ Director Witnesses ‘Terrifying’ Real-Life Exorcism While Filming New Documentary

One would think that, after directing the iconic film *The Exorcist*, there wouldn't be too much left that could scare filmmaker William Friedkin. But as it turns out, witnessing a real-life exorcism apparently left the movie director pretty terrified.

Friedkin told *Variety* that he finally saw the exorcism rite being performed first-hand decades after making *The Exorcist*—and that the real-life experience included thrashing, screaming, foaming at the mouth and other horrors.

It was an event that he filmed while working on his new documentary, *The Devil and Father Amorth*, a film about Father Gabriele Amorth, a 91-year-old priest who performed daily exorcisms for the Vatican's Rome Diocese until his death last September.

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