To Learn Another Culture



Rafael Santiago, speaker of the evening, and Father Laurence Tracy, copastor of Mt. Carmel, put out chairs in the school's basement for the crowd they hoped would come. Though the numbers in attendance were few, their response, right, was enthusiastic at the conclusion of Mr. Santiago's talk.





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Sister Annette Truby, from the diocesan Office of Human Development, worked with Father John Dillon, below, director of the Spanish Apostolate, to make the program possible. Rafael Santiago, above right, is an independent anthropologist from Puerto Rico.



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A much needed educational program, devised by the Spanish Apostolate, the Office of Human Development, and Council of Inner City Parishes, was virtually ignored by people it hoped to attract.

Due to the substantial increase of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the diocese, a need has developed for special training to sensitize people to the culture of these new United States residents: thus the Puerto Rican Culture Workshop.

The workshop began April 27 and met every Monday and Tuesday night for four weeks in Mt. Carmel's school auditorium. Priests, nuns, social workers and high school Spanish clubs were invited to take part.

However, only about 20, all priests and nuns, attended the programs, which featured qualified Puerto Rican men and women discussing their history, culture, the Puerto Rican Catholic church, family relations, the life of the migrant worker, Latin American politics, community organizing, education, health and food.

Father Laurence Tracy, co-pastor of Mt. Carmel, said that U.S. census figures and facts about Puerto Ricans are not accurate and faulted the census bureau for expecting to have accurate figures when its forms are written in English.

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Explaining wh here, Torres said comes here for the Rico for the harve majority.

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