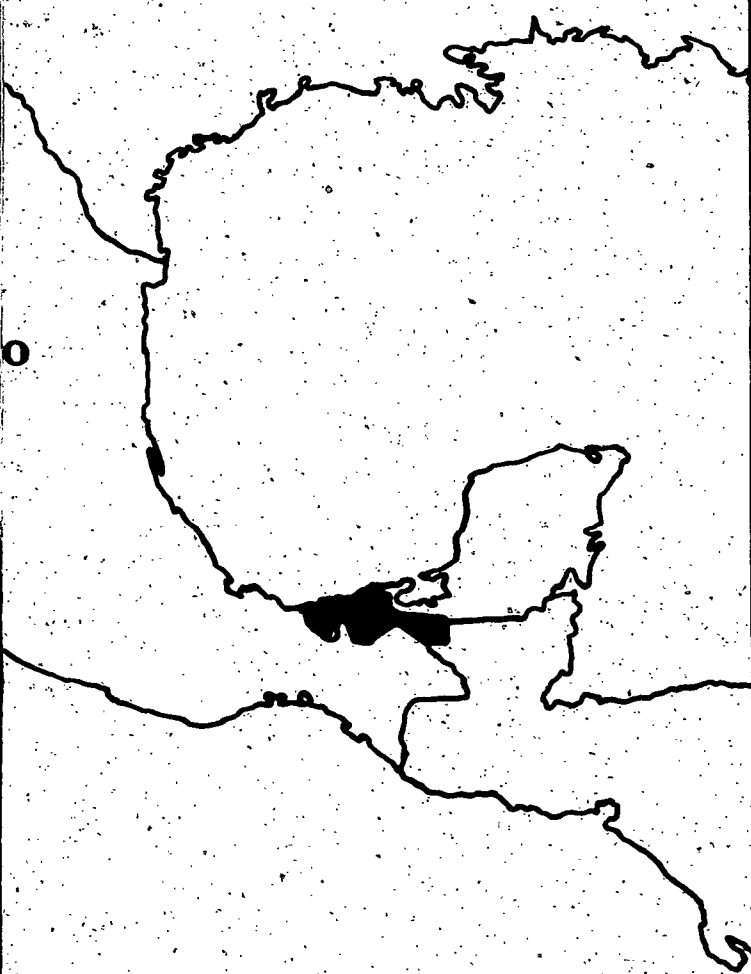


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# From There to Here



## Bishop Raphael In Rochester

When Tabasco Bishop Raphael Garcia y Gonzalez visited Rochester last January, he spent time meeting with diocesan leaders, conducted special liturgies at St. John's, Humboldt Street, and St. Michael's in Rochester. He also attended a meeting at St. Bernard's Seminary, the Mission Society of which has been active in working with the diocese of Tabasco. The Mexican bishop said that he "found the communities and individuals (of this diocese) have a great Christian concern for the problems of our diocese."



# Father Carmelo Taught Us, Counseled Us, Visited Us

In addition to Bishop Rafael, the Tabasco diocese also sent Father Carmelo Gomez to the Rochester diocese for a visit during August of this year.

Father Carmelo visited Rochester, Geneva and Newark — three centers of Spanish-speaking population.

His first stop was at St. Michael's parish in Rochester where he stayed for two weeks. During that time he conducted missions at the church, visited homes and provided personal counseling.

He followed the same routine at more abbreviated stops at St. Francis De Sales in Geneva and St. Michael's in Newark.

In all, Father Carmelo was in this diocese for three weeks, his stop having been cut short when Bishop

Rafaël had to call him back because he was needed in Tabasco.

Father Carmelo runs the huge parish of Macuspana in Tabasco. The parish is in the northeast part of the diocese with a population of about 75,000. About 35,000 live in the town with 15,000 in the outskirts. The remaining 25,000 are spread out in isolated villages in the mountains. It is among these latter people, mostly Chol Indians, that problems exist, such as malnutrition, chronic diseases and lack of know-how.

CICCODET, the Tabasco diocesan social arm, tries to alleviate such problems and is aided by Breadbox funds.

In addition, when Father Carmelo was here during August he appealed at various parishes for monetary support for his parish.

