



QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

DISCIPLINED AND SYSTEMATIC LISTENING

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handling emotions of social interactions of
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relationships of cooperation-competition of
educational opportunities

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mobility of dependence-independence of age
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of obligations of social mobility

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concepts of beauty of modesty of what's proper-
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persons/animals of courtship/marriage

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CULTURAL ENCAPSULATION

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY



EXAMPLES OF CULTURAL ENCAPSULATION IN PARISH LIFE

- Liturgy meeting controversy
- The KKK and government funding
- No involvement in the renovation of the church

FOR CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS

Theological problem

- Barrier to communion (NT Greek: *koinonia*)
 - spiritual bonds
 - ecclesial relationships
 - Minimal or bad relationships

Problem for integration

- Barrier to bridging and linking social capital



IGNORANCE OF THE LIVES OF THE UNDOCUMENTED

BIGGEST CASE OF ENCAPSULATION

RESEARCH AS “TESTIMONY”

EVOKING THE REAL IN LIGHT OF DEMANDS OF FAITH

BRIDGING CULTURAL ENCAPSULATION

1. In the research setting
2. Via an academic audience
3. Via a pastoral and advocacy audience



TEMPTATIONS FOR RESEARCHERS

1. Speaking for others (grandiosity)
2. Skimp on accuracy, complexity, or ambiguity for sake of advocacy
3. Offer answers we don't have
4. Underplay power dynamics