QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

DISCIPLINED AND SYSTEMATIC LISTENING
CULTURAL ENCAPSULATION

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

- language
- literature
- art
- music
- dance
- food
- dress
- patterns of visual perception
- of facial expressions
- of handling emotions
- of social interactions
- of insider-outsider
- arrangements of physical space
- of adult-child relationships
- of cooperation-competition
- of educational opportunities
- conceptions of past-present
- of leadership
- of social mobility
- of dependence-independence
- of age appropriate
- methods of cooking
- food tastes
- variety of foods
- concepts of work
- of leisure
- of social status
- of play
- of obligations
- of social mobility
- concepts of God
- of sin
- of Spirit
- of disease
- of justice
- of child rearing
- of family
- of stranger
- concepts of beauty
- of modesty
- of what's proper
- - improper
- of friendship
- of sanity-insanity
- patterns of relationships
- of superior/inferior
- of persons/animals
- of courtship/marriage
- tempo of life
- kinds of play-recreation
- rules for social interaction
- in different contexts
- systems of economics
- of education
- of mathematics
- and much much more

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EXAMPLES OF CULTURAL ENCAPSULATION IN PARISH LIFE

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