Community Workers
Priests, Volunteers, and Immigrant Workers

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Introduction

John Rondon is focusing on the diversity in the Catholic Priesthood. Not only among the priests themselves, but also throughout the community they serve and how they handle this.

Angie Kim focuses her research project on a certain volunteer group of a local Korean-Catholic church and how the culture’s hierarchy affects them.

Alma Ali is focusing on a group of Bengali immigrants working at a community store. Her main focus is on the problem they encounter when trying to assimilate into a very new and different society.

Social Issues
Diversity, Line vs. Staff, & Assimilation

Thesis Statement

John Rondon: Their diverse backgrounds affect their individual personalities, and have determined the responsibilities and duties they now carry out to properly serve their diverse community.

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Alma Ali: Although these immigrants are able to work and make a living, they are still not being able to assimilate into society because of prejudice and stereotypes.

Photos

Interviews

John Rondon Interviewee
“God glories in the colors of his rainbow and in the colors of his children”

“Catholic means universal, and describes the universal group the church has become with people from around the world.”
-Father Thomas Derivan
(St. Helena’s Church Pastor)

Angie Kim Interviewee
“It had been always like this. It was like this even with Patty with us. Either way even if we revolt or bring it up, our church doesn't give a crap. Sad but yeah the truth. So what we can do for now is make the best out of what we have.”
- Regina Shin
(Band member - Guitarist)

Alma Ali’s Interviewee
“It sucks being a teen group and not being known at all, but what really sucks is that the majority of the adult groups will never give us the priority to reserve time, like ever.”
- Casey Yoon
(Band member - Vocals)

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