Speak English, Pray in Spanish: Forming Cultural Bridges between Hispanic Teens and Parents

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Abstract
Within Hispanic families there is a growing gap – a disconnection between Hispanic immigrants and their U.S. born and raised children. The cultural gap formed between these two groups has caused many U.S. Hispanic teens to disconnect from “Catholic” as a marker of identity. In order to help Hispanic teens establish a Catholic identity, the local church community needs to help families bridge the gap between teens, parents, and the Church itself. Through the exploration of mestizaje and the incorporation of lo cotidiano and accompaniment in catequesis familiar, parents in conjunction with the Church community can help engage teens in Church life. By creating a space for parents and another for their teens, each will receive sound faith formation relevant to their respective realities. Parents will gather to learn about their teens’ Catholic identity and how to help their teens embrace it, while their teens meet separately to learn more about their faith in a space they feel comfortable created for them. Thus, a holistic approach that addresses each group’s needs may lead to genuine involvement and understanding.

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Spanish speakers can enjoy the Hispanic culture, from arts and literature, to the food and the music. Your children will learn about and appreciate popular traditions and values that keep the Hispanic culture alive. 5. Increase Travel opportunities.  In the US, after English, Spanish is the most spoken language with over 35 million speakers. Because Spanish speakers are usually able to understand some of the other Latin languages, they don’t find it too difficult travelling through some parts of Western Europe.  Spanish speaking candidates are well sought after for international companies with ties to Central or South America, and even the US. If you are considering a second language for your child, these are some great reasons why kids should learn Spanish. Hispanic vs Mexican Have you ever wondered about the difference between Hispanic and Mexican? With all the different races, ethnicities and nationalities, it.  Hispanic refers to a person who speaks Spanish, one of Latin American descent and resides in the USA. The Language. In Mexico, Spanish is the main language but that doesn’t mean that all Mexicans can and do speak the language. Hispanics, on the other hand, all speak Spanish. The Origins. When you trace the origins of Mexicans, you will find that most of them are able to trace their origins to Spaniards or indigenous people. Hispanics are a lot more diverse. They can trace their origins to Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Central and South America as well as other Spanish cultures. The Country.