“An Initial Plan”

I think a project that would best provide insight into the Korean American Catholic experience on campus would have to involve a two-pronged research approach. First, and perhaps most importantly, it would be critical to develop as much interaction with Korean American Catholics on campus as possible and interview and network with these individuals. The more diverse this group could be the better, as the experiences of 2nd generation, 1.5 generation, and yuhakseng individuals would provide a rich network of understanding and involvement with the Catholic Church and allow for a holistic assessment of Korean American Catholics as a whole.

However, it is also critical to approach the issue from the perspective of the dominant Catholic organization on campus, that is to say the Newman Center and St. John’s Church. It would be necessary to interview and talk with the lead organizers (priests, lay officials, etc.) there, to find out how they view Korean Catholics and what sort of initiatives (if any) they have to reach out to them. Thus, for a possible project, I would opt to conduct a series of interviews and investigations that both investigate not only Korean American Catholics, but the Catholic population on campus as a whole, and find out where the two groups overlap.