Fr. Angeli Here For Services In Spanish

Rev. Joseph Angeli. 44, Italian-born priest who has spent the past 27 years in South America, came to Boston this week to help out in Cardinal Cushing's apostolate to the

Spanish-speaking.

The priest will assist the director, Rev. Frederick O'Brien, in Boston's "El Centro del Arzobispo", 2-year-old South End social service and religious center. Fr. Angeli's duties will be to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments to the growing Puerto Rican and Cuban community.

He will also assist Fr. O'Brien and Sister Mary Samuela of the Catholic Charitable Bureau in the Center's activities, recreational and cultural. Fr. Angeli will travel to Roxbury, Lexington, Lawrence and other areas where the Spanish-speaking have settled in great numbers in recent years. Latest statistics show that between 2000 and 2500 Puerto Ricans have come to metropolitan Boston since 1957.

The missionary speaks four languages: Italian, Spanish, English and Quechua, a Peruvian Indian tongue. He is quite familiar with the areas of Bolivia and Peru to which 14 Boston priests recently were assigned as first members of Cardinal Cushing's Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle.

Fr. Angeli is impressed by three Boston features: Its snow ("too much"), its people ("gracious, handsome, friend-ly"), its churches and workers'

chapels ("marvelous, and so numerous!").

He has already begun work in Boston's Spanish-speaking St. Vincent de Paul Society and Legion of Mary. He will also work with the Cardinal Cushing Center's advisory council on welfare, immigration and child guidance.