Italian heritage will be focus of program

KINGSTON, R.I. — The Italian American Experience, a cultural event sponsored by the department of languages and a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, will take place at 1, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the University Club (Faculty Center) at the University of Rhode Island.

"Children of the Renaissance," a 35-minute slide presentation on the role played by Italians in the creation of America, developed by audiovisual specialist Thomas McCaghren of Cranston, will be shown.

The 7:30 p.m. program also will include a talk by the Rev. Peter Paul Polo of the Scalabrini Order from Venice, Italy, on the Italian American experience — highlighting some of the many misconceptions Italian Americans have about their heritage.

In the U.S. for more than 14 years, Father Polo has served the Italian American communitites in Utica, N.Y., New York City, Boston, Mass., and Providence. He received a master of arts degree in language and literature from New York University and did his undergraduate studies in Italy.

All performances are free. Information is available from the program coordinator Professor Remo Trivelli in the URI language department.

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