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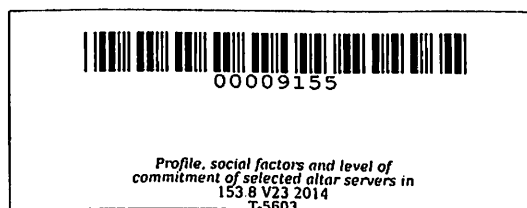
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The study was conducted in different parishes in the Diocese of Imus to determine the profile, social factors and level of commitment of altar server in the whole Diocese of Imus. Specifically, the study aimed to; described the profile of the respondents; identify the intervening social factors; identify the level of commitment of the respondents; determine whether the profile is dependent on level of commitment of the respondents; and ascertain if there is a significant relation between social factors and level of commitment of the respondent.

A total of 100 altar servers, all are officers of the group were involved in this study. Frequency distribution, mean, standard deviation, and percentage was used to present the profile of the respondents, the social factors they encountered and the level of commitment of the respondents. The Chi – square, t-test and Spearman Rank was used to determine if there is a significant relationship between the variable.

Findings of the study revealed that officer altar servers are generally 15– 17 years old, serving from four to six years, residing near to the church and still studying in public school.

Most of the altar servers are committed to in serving but household chores, their hobbies, during their examinations and other responsibility were intervene their commitment to the church as they fulfill their need for belongingness considering their age 12 – 21 that they tend to explore more of their social life..

No significant relationships were found between profile and level of commitment of the altar server. On the other hand, only in three among the social factors such as household chores, sports and vices intervenes the level of commitment. Likewise, Family and peers have great factors and influence in making decisions commit and in the life of altar sever since they are considered as the significant people that will contribute in the enrichment of their life as a social being.

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INTRODUCTION

Commitment in the point of view of an altar server is serving at the Altar well, that is, serving regularly, valuing the Liturgy, participating actively in the organization and in church activities and accepting responsibility in the organization.

Pope John Paul II stated last August 2001 in Vatican City that the commitment at the altar was not only a duty but a great honor, “a true holy service”. Also, Pope Benedict XVI said last August 2006 during the Pilgrimage of European Altar Servers that their commitment should be in their heart for they are apostle and friends of Christ.

By the virtue of Baptism, every Catholic is empowered to share in the priestly sacrifice of Jesus, the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In relation, Article 14 of the Sacrosanctum Concilium (Vatican II documents) explains: “The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical celebration”. Pope Paul VI also said that being a server means a “ready and active collaborator of the Catholic Priesthood. It is one simple