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ABSTRACT

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This study analyzed and determined demographic profile and perceived factors affecting the pastoral work of selected priests from the diocese of Imus, conducted from November 2006 to February 2007. Study determined the demographic profile of priests in terms of the following: age, years in the ministry, parish classification, clerical status and highest educational attainment. Furthermore, study also determined the extent of the perceived factors affecting the pastoral work of the priest respondents in terms of societal, economical, and psychological factors, as well as the significant relation between the demographic profile and the perceived factors affecting the pastoral work of the priest respondents.

Purposive sampling procedure was used to determine the respondents. A self-made questionnaire was used to determine the demographic profile and position of the priest respondents on the perceived factors that may affect their pastoral work. Correlation was determined with the used of statistical method, particularly chi-square and correlation coefficient.

The respondents of this study were 32 selected priests from the diocese of Imus, where 14 or 43.8 percent belonged to age 39 and below, 11 or 34.4 percent were 40-49 years of age, while 7 or 21.9 percent belonged to 50 years old and above. Demographic profile show significant effect on the perceived factors. However, only parish classification shows no significant effects on perceived psychological and economical factors in 0.01 significance.

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INTRODUCTION

Various issues, facts, and insights were published by the laity and the priest themselves regarding matters concerning the recent behavior of the clergy all over the world. Some articles that were published concern the subject of sexual misconducts, homosexuality, and other scandals that had shaken the entire religious community. On the contrary, there are also articles regarding priest testimonials on spirituality, news on how the clergy launched projects concerning evangelization and other pastoral works and accomplishments.

Priesthood is a man's response to God's call to holiness. Thus, priesthood means to live toward holiness. All the preaching, programs, and projects of a priest simply tend to holiness as their goal and end. Furthermore, priestly life is directed towards holiness which is simply being in communion with God.

Since a kid, the researcher often meets some priests and seminarians in their diocese. Some of them became her friends who have shared some grievances and personal crises experienced related to their chosen vocation. Equally, she met some lay parishioners in the diocese who also have grievances and complaints to some of the priests they know.