

ABSTRAK

Judul skripsi adalah "PEMAHAMAN KHARISMA DAN SPIRITUALITAS KONGREGASI BRUDER-BRUDER SANTO ALOISIUS GONZAGA DALAM MENGHADAPI TANTANGAN KEHIDUPAN RELIGIUS ZAMAN SEKARANG". Pilihan judul ini bertitik tolak pada kenyataan bahwa pemahaman kharisma dan spiritualitas sangat penting bagi kehidupan sebagai religius yang mau mengadakan pembaharuan dan penyesuaian dengan dinamika perubahan zaman. Dengan adanya pemahaman kharisma dan spiritualitas, para bruder akan semakin menemukan identitas dan kekhasan sebagai bruder santo Aloisius Gonzaga, sehingga kharisma dan spiritualitas dapat dipahami, dimengerti dan dihayati secara benar, baik bagi kaum muda, novis, junior maupun bruder yang sudah senior.

Ada tiga masalah pokok yang ada dalam skripsi ini yaitu:

1. Sejauh mana kharisma dan spiritualitas Bruder-bruder Santo Aloisius Gonzaga dipahami oleh para bruder dalam menghadapi tantangan kehidupan religius zaman sekarang?
2. Apa peran kharisma dan spiritualitas Kongregasi Bruder-bruder Santo Aloisius Gonzaga dalam menghadapi tantangan kehidupan religius zaman sekarang?
3. Bagaimana para bruder mengaktualisasikan kharisma dan spiritualitas ke dalam dan melalui tugas perutusan di tengah-tengah masyarakat dunia zaman sekarang?

Untuk menjawab masalah yang ada, maka kharisma dan spiritualitas Kongregasi Bruder-bruder Santo Aloisius Gonzaga perlu dipahami, sehingga para bruder semakin menyadari pentingnya memahami kharisma dan spiritualitas yang dapat memberi daya kekuatan dalam menjalankan tugas perutusan. Salah satu bentuk tugas perutusan dalam situasi dunia sekarang adalah memberi kesaksian hidup sebagai bruder yang mempunyai ciri khas tersendiri. Kharisma dan spiritualitas mendorong para bruder untuk semakin berani mengadakan pembaharuan dan penyesuaian dengan perkembangan zaman yang terus berubah. Kharisma dan spiritualitas harus dihayati dan diwujudkan dalam hidup berkomunitas dan diintegrasikan dengan penghayatan nilai-nilai Injili. Komunitas akhirnya menjadi tempat sekolah dalam kemuridan akan Yesus Kristus yang senantiasa hadir sebagai pendidik iman. Para bruder dibimbing dan dibentuk menjadi pendidik-pendidik iman terutama bagi kaum muda. Dengan demikian para bruder hadir di tengah-tengah dunia sebagai pendidik iman bagi kaum muda, sungguh sangat relevan dengan situasi zaman sekarang. Karena kaum muda sebagai generasi dan pewaris kehidupan untuk masa depan.

ABSTRACT

The topic of the thesis is “ Understanding the Charism and Spirituality of the Congregation of Brothers of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Facing the challenges to religious Life today”. The main concern of this thesis comes from a conviction of the importance of taking seriously the signs of the time and of the relevance as well as significance of the charism and spirituality of the Congregation of Brothers of St Aloysius Gonzaga. To grow in understanding of that charism and spirituality and at same time of all global change of today that have affected different aspects and forms of life , is extremely important for those who wish to improve and adapt their life of commitment. Accordingly, this effort will help the brothers of St Aloysius to rediscover their identity and God’s call in today” world. In this way, hopefully. Charism, spirituality and way of proceeding of the Congregation of brothers of St Aloysius Gonzaga will be known and appreciated by the people of today and especially and especially by our young brothers, novices, and juniors.

There are three issues to be discussed in the thesis.

1. Charism and spirituality of the Congregation of Brothers of St Aloysius Gonzaga as understood by the brother in their mission today.
2. The role of this charism and spirituality in the face of challenges to religious life today.
3. How the brothers of St Aloysius live the charism and spirituality in the face of those challenges?

To discuss those issues, first, there should be efforts explain the charism and spirituality of the Congregation of Brothers of St Aloysius systematically and convincingly as to relate to the actual situation of the Congregation. The presentation should be helpful and giving energy to brothers as men with and on a mission. One of the most important missions of the brothers today is give life witness precisely as “ brothers”. The charism and spirituality of the congregation have to help them out to live that special vocation as brothers amid the dominant culture that strongly promotes an exclusive individualism. Their charism and spirituality have to dare them to be missioned to the heart of the world today, as far as the Lord Jesus went.

Here, the community as understood and lived by the brother become very important. Community is the first place where the brothers experience the charism and spirituality in action, in light of the Gospel’s values. Community is a school of love where the disciples are trained and studying to be Jesus’ apostles and educators of faith especially to be missioned to the young who form the majority of the population of Asia. The risen Christ becomes their main teacher . This vocation to be educators of faith, hope and charity for the young does meet the challenge of our world today where the powers of the dominant culture of individualism and consumerism have been tremendously affecting us, particularly many young people, to the point of losing their human powers to love, to hope and to believe in God of life.