

## ABSTRAK

### PERANAN *WHATSAPP* SEBAGAI MEDIA PENEGUHAN IMAN BAGI UMAT DI LINGKUNGAN BENEDIKTUS PAROKI SANTA MARIA DIANGKAT KE SURGA PALUR

Penelitian ini dilatarbelakangi oleh perkembangan teknologi yang pesat dan dapat mengubah pola perilaku manusia pada jaman sekarang ini, khususnya dalam hal berdoa secara *online*. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui peranan *WhatsApp* sebagai media peneguhan iman bagi umat di Lingkungan Benediktus Paroki Santa Maria Diangkat ke Surga Palur, Karanganyar. Pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan pengamatan, wawancara, pertemuan dengan umat, dan kuesioner. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan campuran, namun lebih condong ke pendekatan kualitatif. Data yang telah terkumpul divalidasi dengan cara triangulasi. Hasil dari penelitian menunjukkan bahwa sebagian besar umat merasa bahwa *WhatsApp* berperan sebagai media peneguhan iman bagi umat Lingkungan Benediktus Paroki Santa Maria Diangkat ke Surga Palur. Umat merasa diteguhkan dan menganggap bahwa *WhatsApp* mampu membuat mereka menemukan Tuhan melalui media sosial. Sementara itu, ada beberapa umat yang merasa bahwa *WhatsApp* kurang membantu dalam hal berdoa karena dianggap kurang khusyuk. Umat berharap bahwa *WhatsApp* dapat dijadikan sebagai sarana peneguhan iman melalui apa yang dibagikan oleh umat.

**Kata-kata Kunci:** *WhatsApp*, peneguhan iman, berdoa *online*, media sosial.

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**WHATSAPP ROLE  
AS MEDIUM FOR CONFIRMATION OF FAITH  
FOR PEOPLE IN BENEDICT'S BASIC COMMUNITY  
PARISH OF SAINT MARY OF ASSUMPTION, PALUR**

*This research was motivated by rapid technological developments that can change patterns of human behavior, especially in terms of praying online. This study aims to determine the role of WhatsApp as a medium of faith confirmation for people in the St. Benedict, Parish of Santa Maria Assumption Palur, Karanganyar. Data collection was carried out by observation, interviews, community meetings, and questionnaires. This research was conducted using a mixed approach between qualitative and quantitative, but leaning more towards qualitative. The collected data is validated by means of triangulation. The results of this study indicate that most people feel that WhatsApp has a role as a medium for strengthening the people's faith. They feel affirmed and think that WhatsApp is able to find God through social media. Meanwhile, there are some people who feel that WhatsApp is less helpful when it comes to praying because it is considered less solemn. The people hope that WhatsApp can be used as a means of strengthening faith through what is shared by the people.*

**Keywords:** *WhatsApp, pray online, faith, social media*

