

ABSTRAK

DESKRIPSI PEMAHAMAN UMAT TENTANG DEVOSI KEPADA BUNDA MARIA DI LINGKUNGAN ST. PETRUS STASI SANTA MARIA LADONGI PAROKI ROH KUDUS UNAAHA SULAWESI TENGGARA

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Devosi kepada Bunda Maria merupakan bentuk penghormatan umat Katolik terhadap peran Bunda Maria dalam karya keselamatan Allah. Devosi ini telah menjadi tradisi yang hidup di kalangan umat Katolik. Tujuan utama penelitian ini adalah untuk mendeskripsikan pemahaman umat di Lingkungan St. Petrus Stasi Santa Maria Ladongi mengenai Devosi kepada Bunda Maria serta bentuk praktik devosi yang umat jalankan dalam kehidupan sehari-hari. Pertanyaan utama dalam penelitian ini adalah bagaimana umat memahami, menghayati dan mempraktikkan devosi kepada Bunda Maria dalam konteks kehidupan rohani mereka. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif deskriptif dengan teknik pengumpulan data melalui observasi, wawancara dan dokumentasi. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa pemahaman umat terhadap devosi kepada Bunda Maria masih berfokus pada praktik doa-doa seperti doa rosario dan novena, namun makna spiritual dan teologisnya belum sepenuhnya dihayati. Meski demikian, praktik devosi berperan penting dalam memperdalam iman umat, mempererat kebersamaan dalam komunitas, serta menumbuhkan sikap keteladanan seperti kerendahan hati, kesabaran, dan kepasrahan kepada kehendak Allah sebagaimana diteladankan oleh Bunda Maria. Penelitian ini menegaskan bahwa mereka belum paham makna devosi perlu terus dikembangkan agar umat semakin menyadari nilai spiritual yang terkandung di dalamnya.

Kata Kunci: Bunda Maria, Devosi, Komunitas, Spiritualitas, Umat Katolik.

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***DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S UNDERSTANDING OF DEVOTION TO
THE VIRGIN MARY IN ST. PETRUS COMMUNITY, SANTA MARIA LADONGI
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Devotion to the Virgin Mary is a form of Catholic reverence for Mary's role in God's work of salvation. This devotion has long been a living tradition among Catholics. The main objective of this study is to describe the community's understanding of Marian devotion in St. Petrus Community, Santa Maria Ladongi Station, as well as the forms of devotional practices carried out in daily life. The central research question focuses on how the faithful understand, internalize, and practice devotion to the Virgin Mary within the context of their spiritual life. This study employs a descriptive qualitative method, with data collected through observation, interviews, and documentation. The results show that the community's understanding of Marian devotion largely centers on prayer practices such as the rosary and novena, while its deeper spiritual and theological meanings have not been fully embraced. Nevertheless, these devotional practices play an important role in deepening the faith of the community, strengthening communal bonds, and fostering virtues such as humility, patience, and surrender to God's will, as exemplified by the Virgin Mary. The study highlights that a deeper understanding of the meaning of devotion still needs to be developed so that the faithful may better recognize the spiritual values contained within it.

Keywords: Catholic Faithful, Community, Devotion, Mother Mary, Spirituality.