

**ABSTRAK**

**PENGALAMAN PARA BAPTISAN DEWASA BARU  
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Skripsi dengan judul "**PENGALAMAN PARA BAPTISAN DEWASA BARU DI PAROKI ST. ANTONIUS PADUA KOTABARU DALAM KETERLIBATAN HIDUP MENGGEREJA**" dipilih berdasarkan ketertarikan penulis pada fenomena meningkatnya jumlah baptisan dewasa di dunia, termasuk di Paroki Kotabaru. Penulis ingin melihat bagaimana para baptisan dewasa baru menghayati pengalaman setelah dibaptis dan bagaimana keterlibatan mereka dalam hidup menggereja. Persoalan pokok dalam penelitian ini adalah pengalaman iman para baptisan dewasa baru, bentuk keterlibatan mereka dalam kegiatan Gereja, serta faktor-faktor yang mendukung dan menghambat keterlibatan tersebut. Untuk menjawab persoalan ini, penulis menggunakan metode penelitian kualitatif dengan wawancara mendalam, observasi, dan kajian dokumen. Keabsahan data diperoleh melalui triangulasi sumber dengan melibatkan para baptisan dewasa baru, pendamping baptisan, dan ketua lingkungan. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa baptisan menjadi pengalaman iman yang memperkuat kedekatan mereka dengan Tuhan dan mendorong keterlibatan dalam kegiatan Gereja, terutama liturgia dan persekutuan umat. Namun, keterlibatan tersebut masih terkendala oleh kurangnya adaptasi, perbedaan kultur paroki, serta minimnya dukungan lingkungan. Di sisi lain, motivasi pribadi, pengalaman positif selama persiapan baptis, dan hubungan baik dengan komunitas menjadi faktor pendorong keterlibatan mereka.

**Kata Kunci:** baptisan dewasa, pengalaman iman, Panca Tugas Gereja

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*The thesis entitled " **THE EXPERIENCES OF NEW ADULT BAPTISTS IN THE PARISH OF ST. ANTONIUS PADUA, KOTABARU INVOCATION IN CHURCH LIFE**" was chosen based on the author's interest in the phenomenon of the increasing number of adult baptisms worldwide, including in the Kotabaru Parish. The author wanted to see how newly baptized adults experience their baptismal experience and their involvement in church life. The main questions in this study are the faith experiences of newly baptized adults, the forms of their involvement in Church activities, and the factors that support and hinder this involvement. To answer these questions, the author used qualitative research methods with in-depth interviews, observation, and document review. Data validity was achieved through source triangulation involving newly baptized adults, baptismal chaplains, and neighborhood leaders. The results show that baptism is a faith experience that strengthens their closeness to God and encourages involvement in Church activities, particularly the liturgy and community fellowship. However, this involvement is still hampered by a lack of adaptation, differences in parish culture, and minimal community support. On the other hand, personal motivation, positive experiences during baptismal preparation, and good relationships with the community are driving factors for their involvement.*

**Keywords:** *adult baptism, faith experience, Five Tasks of the Church*