

ABSTRAK

**KETERLIBATAN ORANG TUA DALAM PERSIAPAN PENERIMAAN KOMUNI
PERTAMA DI STASI SANTO PAULUS MARTOBA, PAROKI SANTO JOSEPH
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Persiapan penerimaan Komuni Pertama merupakan proses pembinaan iman yang tidak hanya menjadi tanggung jawab Gereja, tetapi juga orang tua sebagai pendidik pertama dan utama dalam kehidupan iman anak. Kenyataannya, di Stasi Santo Paulus Martoba, Paroki Santo Joseph Pematangsiantar, sebagian orang tua masih menyerahkan proses persiapan kepada katekis sehingga keterlibatan mereka belum berlangsung secara optimal. Penelitian ini berangkat dari dua pertanyaan: Bagaimana pemahaman orang tua mengenai persiapan Komuni Pertama dan bagaimana keterlibatan orang tua dalam mendampingi anak selama proses persiapan. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mendeskripsikan pemahaman dan keterlibatan orang tua dalam persiapan komuni pertama di Stasi Santo Paulus Martoba, Paroki Santo Joseph Pematangsiantar. Penelitian menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif deskriptif dengan teknik pengumpulan data melalui kajian dokumen, wawancara, dan *Focus Group Discussion* (FGD). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa orang tua pada umumnya telah memahami persiapan Komuni Pertama sebagai proses pembinaan iman menuju penerimaan Sakramen Ekaristi. Keterlibatan mereka diwujudkan melalui pendampingan doa, mengajak anak mengikuti Perayaan Ekaristi, membimbing kehidupan iman, serta mendukung keikutsertaan anak dalam kegiatan persiapan. Namun, keterlibatan tersebut masih dipengaruhi oleh kesibukan pekerjaan, keterbatasan pengetahuan iman, dan anggapan bahwa pendidikan iman merupakan tanggung jawab utama Gereja. Penelitian ini menegaskan bahwa persiapan Komuni Pertama akan berjalan lebih optimal apabila terjalin kerja sama antara orang tua dengan pihak Gereja dalam mendampingi pertumbuhan iman anak, sehingga anak dapat menerima komuni dengan iman yang matang dan penghayatan yang mendalam.

Kata Kunci: Gereja, Keterlibatan Orang Tua, Persiapan Komuni Pertama.

ABSTRACT

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT PAUL MARTOBA OUTSTATION, SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, PEMATANGSIANTAR

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The preparation for First Holy Communion is a process of faith formation that is not only the responsibility of the Church but also of parents, who are the first and primary educators of their children's faith. In reality, at Saint Paul Martoba Outstation, Saint Joseph Parish, Pematangsiantar, some parents still entrust the preparation process entirely to catechists, resulting in less than optimal parental involvement. This study was guided by two research questions: (1) How do parents understand the preparation for First Holy Communion? and (2) How are parents involved in accompanying their children throughout the preparation process? The purpose of this study is to describe parents' understanding and involvement in the preparation for First Holy Communion at Saint Paul Martoba Outstation, Saint Joseph Parish, Pematangsiantar. This study employed a descriptive qualitative approach, with data collected through document analysis, interviews, and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). The findings indicate that, in general, parents understand the preparation for First Holy Communion as a process of faith formation leading to the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Their involvement is reflected in accompanying their children in prayer, encouraging them to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration, guiding their spiritual life, and supporting their participation in preparation activities. However, parental involvement is still influenced by work commitments, limited knowledge of the Catholic faith, and the perception that faith formation is primarily the responsibility of the Church. This study concludes that the preparation for First Holy Communion will be more effective when parents and the Church work collaboratively in nurturing children's faith, enabling them to receive Holy Communion with mature faith and a profound understanding of its meaning.

Keywords: *Church, Parental Involvement, Preparation First Holy Communion.*