

## ABSTRACT

Countries throughout the world have been aware of the existing problems faced by our children. Based on the research done, the abandonment of children to institutions ranks second among all problems. Because of this, the researchers aim to help in some way by describing in detailed self-concept in two perspective namely, orphans and non-orphans.

This thesis made use of the case study approach to tackle the self-concept of selected orphans in Hospicio de San Jose and selected non-orphans in three different communities in Metro Manila (Quezon City, Makati and Paranaque).

The researchers hope to evoke insights on how self-concept would differ between orphans having no familial environment and non-orphans having familial environment. By studying this, it would in some way bring up the people's level of awareness toward development of children's self-concept thus, guiding foster parent teachers, counselors on making the right decisions and giving the enough consideration.

The researchers hope that the results of this thesis may make a modest contribution to the field of psychology and to to foster a better understanding of the growth of our children.