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ABSTRACT

This exploratory and descriptive study sought to determine the religious devotees' concept of faith and fate. The sample population consisted of 150 devotees to the Mother of Perpetual Help and/or other saints at the Baclaran Church. It was decided that this study be conducted through an interview.

The researchers of this study made use of an interview schedule which consisted of five parts: the first part focused on the respondents' background, the second, third, fourth and fifth parts contained open-ended questions which focused on the practices and rituals of the devotees, their faith and fate, and on the inter-relationship of faith and fate respectively. No specific statistical treatment was used because of the very nature of this study.

After making an analysis of the devotees' responses, it was found out that: religious devotion is a sex-typed behavior, that a hierarchy of saints exists among the religious devotees, that their choice of patron is primarily a result of social influence, that the devotees are not absolutely fatalistic and that faith is viewed by the devotees as best manifested externally thru religious devotion.

