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ABSTRACT

This study was undertaken to describe the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH), Baclaran as manifestation of Filipino popular religiosity. It sought to provide an idea who the OLPH is as perceived by the regular devotees. It described the influence of the devotion in the lives of the devotees in relation to God, others and self. It also sought to determine the factors and events that have caused them to become regular devotees.

To answer these problems, the study made use of descriptive evaluative method using an interview schedule. The purposive sampling technique was applied in choosing the subjects who are the regular devotees of OLPH, Baclaran. Out of 128 respondents, only 100 were chosen.

Courtesy letter was sent to the prior of Baclaran Shrine to notify him of the interview. Permission was obtained from the formator of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor to allow the novices to be companions of the researcher in conducting the interview. The interview was done in Baclaran, Paranaque on Wednesday, a novena-day dedicated to OLPH.

The data gathered were classified according to their similarities and differences. It was analyzed using descriptive and simple evaluative approach of frequency counts and percentage.

The following were the findings of the study:

1. The devotees perceived Our lady of Perpetual Help as (a) the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, (b) their loving mother, (c) mediatrix or intercessor.

2. The devotion to OLPH has influenced the devotees to be (a) "God-oriented" by being prayerful, joining in parish organizations and religious activities, and through experiencing growth in faith, and feeling God's presence; (b) "other-oriented" by helping others in their material and spiritual needs,



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by establishing harmonious relationship with others and family members; (c) integrated or balanced individuals. The material, spiritual and moral concerns of the devotees find its inter-relatedness in their devotion to OLPH.

3. The strong factors and events which have caused them to become regular devotees are family, financial difficulties and health situations. However few mentioned of "panata" (vow), lovelife, organizations and divine guidance.

The regular devotees to OLPH if well guided and oriented are great human resource for evangelization because the devotion keeps intact human, cultural and Christian values.

It encourages further research on the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help exploring the areas which were not covered by the present study.

