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## STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

In this study the researcher attempts to find the answers to the following questions:

1. How did the CICM Fathers establish themselves in Lagawe, and what approaches did they employ to successfully convert Lagawe natives to the Catholic Faith?
2. What are some significant results of the CICM missionary works in the history of the Catholic Mission in Lagawe?

## PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

This thesis attempts to present the growth and development of Catholicism, and the role of the CICM missionaries in the propagation of the Catholic Faith in Lagawe, Ifugao.

Also, this study was conducted for the following reasons:

1. to trace the history and growth of the Catholic Church in Lagawe, Ifugao;
2. to present accurate information about the Christianization of Lagawe natives, and the important



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role of the CICM priests in the propagation of the Catholic Faith in this particular locality;

3. And, to bring about a thorough presentation and a noble example of the Catholic Church's role in the Christianization of the Lagawe natives.

## IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

The importance of this study is presented as follows:

1. To assess and describe the important role played by the Catholic Church in the unification, pacification, and Christianization of the Lagawe natives;

2. Since very few materials were written about the religious beginnings of the Lagawe people and the establishment of the Catholic Church in their locality, this thesis should serve, then, as a contribution to the literary and historical works dealing about one country and her people.

3. There are very few writers of subjects like this in our country, especially those which concern Catholics among ethnic tribes. For this reason, it is hoped that a treatise like this may inspire others to



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write something about the history of the Church in their locality.

4. It is hoped that this thesis will be of some help to religious and lay evangelizers especially those who are working for the conversion of ethnic tribes to the Catholic Faith.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission, IHM or Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae, CICM; This refers to the congregation founded by Rev. Theophile Verbist on November 28, 1862.

Mission: In its broadest sense, "mission" is everything that the Church does in service of the Kingdom of God. In this study, mission refers to a missionary post or an organization in a district for the conversion of the people to the Catholic Faith.

Missionary Work: The preaching of the gospel among peoples and cultures where it is not known

Significant Result: In this study, Significant result





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means the important outcome of the CICM missionary activities in the conversion of the Lagawe natives and the history of the Lagawe Mission

## SCOPE AND LIMITATION

The scope of this study is limited to the growth and development of Catholicism in Lagawe, Ifugao from 1900 up to the present.

Within the scope of this research are the remarkable efforts of the CICM missionaries and their contributions to the history of the Lagawe Mission. A part of this research touches on the early Dominican missionaries who attempted to propagate Catholicism in Lagawe, Ifugao. Data gathered for this particular part of the research was based purely from secondary sources.

