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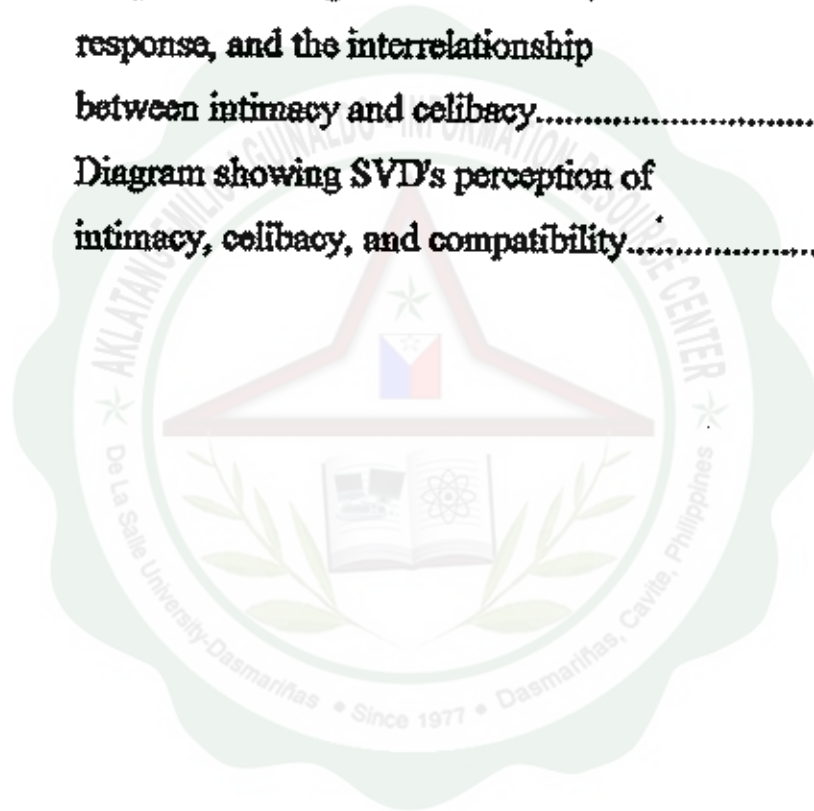
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ABSTRACT

The researcher wanted to find out the perceptions of selected Divine Word Missionaries in the Philippines, concerning the compatibility of intimacy with celibacy. Therefore, his questions were: (1) What is the profile of perceived intimacy of selected Divine Word Missionaries? (2) What is the profile of their perceived celibacy? (3) Is there a correlation between the perceived intimacy and celibacy scores? (4) What is the level of perceived compatibility between celibacy and intimacy? (5) Is there a significant difference in the perceived compatibility between (a) early and late entrants to the seminary, (b) younger and older subjects?

The descriptive research design was used. The instrument Inventory of Perceived Intimacy and Celibacy, developed by the researcher himself was used in this study. The researcher gathered his data from 72 randomly selected Divine Word Missionaries in the Philippine Central Province ranging in age from 30 to 85.

The data were analyzed using descriptive statistics (M, SD). Pearson r was used to find out the correlation between intimacy and celibacy scores. Two-way anova and a t-test were used to find out the significance.

The findings of the study showed that the selected Divine Word Missionaries perceived intimacy as a positive value but not celibacy. There was a significant correlation between intimacy and celibacy and the subjects perceived intimacy as compatible with celibacy. However, there was no significant difference in the perceived compatibility between



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early entrants and late entrants to the seminary and younger and older subjects.

. Therefore, the researcher concluded that intimacy is perceived as a positive value by the selected Divine Word Missionaries whereas celibacy is not. The subjects perceived intimacy as compatible with celibacy.

