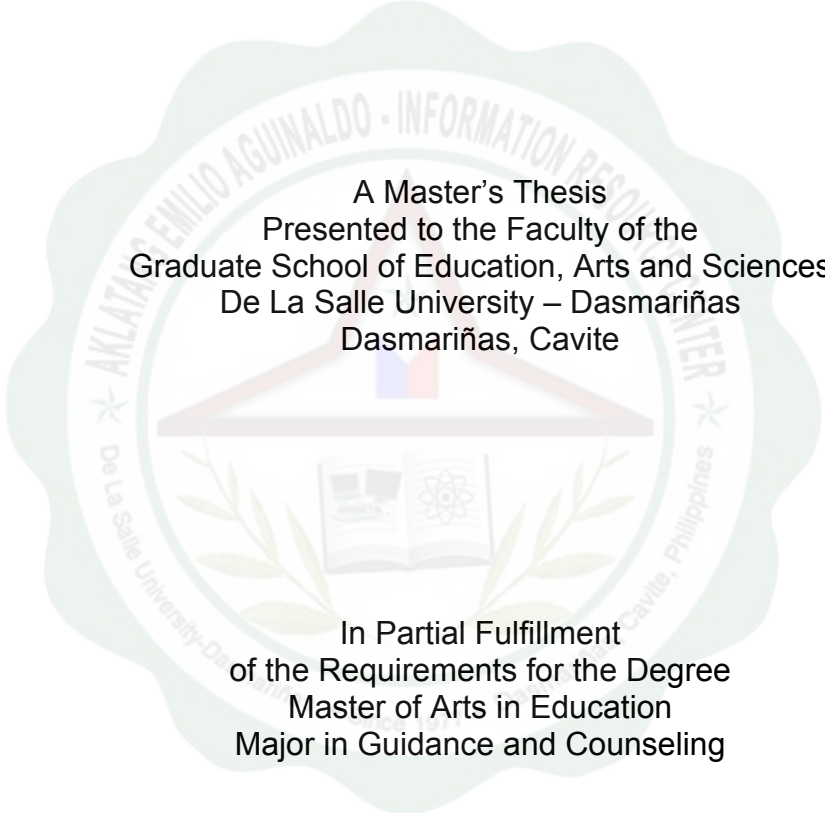


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This is a descriptive study of the factors that influenced ex-seminarians to leave their vocation in priesthood. The conceptual framework evolved from the idea of Adler that each one is motivated by social life and the past influences of who we are at present. The study utilized the convenience sampling technique with the following statistical measures: frequency distribution, percentage, weighted mean and ranking.

The main source of data came from 100 ex-seminarian respondents. The gathered data were grouped according to profile and religious profile of ex-seminarians, factors that influenced them to leave their vocation and ranking of the factors.

The findings reveal that lack of self-confidence, interpersonal relationship and relationship with the opposite sex could be the factors that influenced ex-seminarians to leave their vocation.

This study concludes the assumption that the factors have no significant influence on the decision of the ex-seminarians to leave their vocation is true. Although the factors have no significant influence, item 31: "I have doubts in my capacity to stay in the vows" and item 32: "I found myself not ready to fulfill the responsibilities within the vows", which both refer to fulfillment of the priestly vows; and item 4: "I found having a career to be more rewarding" which refer to personal, mildly influenced the decision of the ex-seminarians to leave their vocation. With this, then, there is a need for counseling sessions for aspirants prior to their entry to the seminary to have a realistic outlook and approach to the priestly vocation.

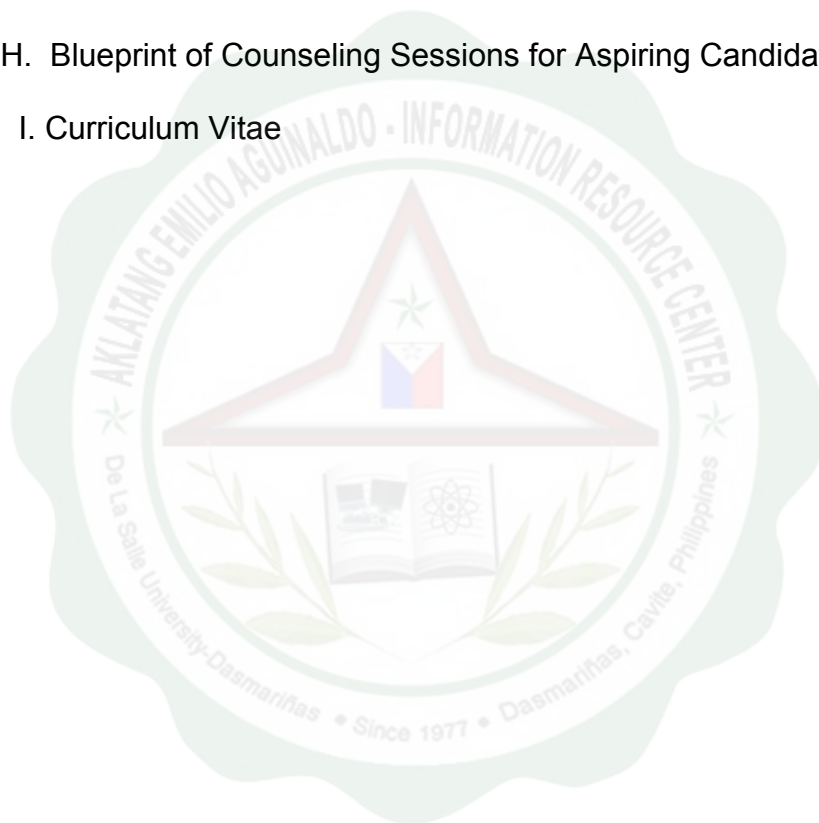
This present study thereby recommends the following: there should be training programs not only for the aspirants but the formators as well; there should be vocational counselors inside the seminary; vocation promoters and directors should have a standardized program in orienting aspirants about the vocation to the priesthood and seminary life; assessment have to be done regarding the factors that influenced ex-seminarians in leaving their vocation to the priesthood; and further studies may be conducted involving other factors which were not included in this research.

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