

ABSTRAK

Marianus Lado, 19.75.6627. *Peran Media Sosial Terhadap Penguatan Iman Umat Di Tengah Pandemi Covid-19*. Skripsi. Program Sarjana, Program Studi Ilmu Teologi-Filsafat Agama Katolik, Institut Filsafat dan Teknologi Kreatif Ledalero, 2023.

Tujuan utama penulisan skripsi ini ialah menelaah peran media sosial terhadap penguatan iman umat di tengah pandemi Covid-19. Hadirnya pandemi Covid-19 memberi dampak buruk dalam kehidupan manusia. Covid-19 seakan-akan telah merampas kebebasan manusia sebagai makhluk sosial. Alhasil, Gereja sebagai tempat peribadatan umat Katolik harus ditutup sementara waktu. Berhadapan dengan situasi demikian, Gereja mencari alternatif lain yakni dengan melakukan pewartaan melalui media sosial yang ada. Pemanfaatan media sosial dimaknai sebagai wujud tanggung jawab Gereja terhadap domba-domba gembalaannya. Metode penelitian yang digunakan yakni pendekatan studi kepustakaan. Penulis mencari berbagai sumber dari literatur-literatur yang sesuai dengan tema yang diangkat penulis dalam karya ilmiah ini. Penulis juga menambahkan beberapa hal yang sekiranya sesuai dengan pengamatan atau pengalaman yang dialami langsung oleh penulis.

Berdasarkan penelitian ini penulis menyoroti beberapa poin utama yang praktis dan berguna, diantaranya: (1) Hadirnya Pandemi Covid-19 tidak serta-merta membuat Gereja menjadi kaku dan melepaskan domba gembalaannya begitu saja. Gereja memahami bahwa pada masa sulit ini umat sangat membutuhkan dukungan spiritual yang bisa mengokohkan iman dan pengharapan mereka. Maka dengan berbagai fitur yang ditawarkan oleh media sosial, Gereja berusaha untuk tetap eksis mewartakan injil, meskipun dengan situasi yang kurang memungkinkan. Media sosial menjadi alternatif utama bagi Gereja untuk terus mewartakan karya keselamatan Allah selama pandemi Covid-19. (2) Selama pandemi Covid-19 umat memiliki kerinduan yang hakiki untuk tetap kuat dalam imannya, karena hampir semua praktik peribadatan di Gereja dan doa bersama ditiadakan. Umat seakan-akan harus berpisah sejenak dengan Gereja. Namun, umat Katolik tetap mendapatkan madu-madu rohani yang dibagikan oleh para pewarta melalui media sosial. (3) Gereja melalui para pewarta dituntut untuk mampu dan bisa memanfaatkan media sosial yang ada demi kepentingan Gereja dan umat Katolik.

Kata Kunci: Media Sosial, Pandemi Covid-19, Gereja Katolik, Pewartaan Injil.

ABSTRACT

Marianus Lado, 19.75.6627. *The Role of Social Media in Strengthening the faith of the people Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic*. Thesis. Undergraduate Program, Catholic Theology-Philosophy of Religion Study Program, Ledalero Institute of Philosophy and Creative Technology, 2023.

The main purpose of writing this thesis is to examine the role of social media in strengthening the faith of the people in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The presence of the Covid-19 pandemic has a negative impact on human life. Covid-19 seems to have robbed human freedom as a social being. As a result, the Church as a place of worship for Catholics must be temporarily closed. Faced with such a situation, the Church is looking for another alternative, namely by preaching through existing social media. The use of social media is interpreted as a form of the Church's responsibility towards the sheep of its pasture. The research method used is the literature study approach. The author seeks various sources from the literature that is in accordance with the theme raised by the author in this scientific work. The author also adds a number of things that are in accordance with the observations or experiences experienced directly by the author.

Based on this research, the authors highlight several main points that are practical and useful, including: (1) The presence of the Covid-19 Pandemic does not automatically make the Church stiffen and just let go of its sheep. The Church understands that during this difficult time the people really need spiritual support that can strengthen their faith and hope. So with the various features offered by social media, the Church is trying to continue to exist in spreading the gospel, even though the situation is not possible. Social media is the main alternative for the Church to continue to proclaim God's work of salvation during the Covid-19 pandemic. (2) During the Covid-19 pandemic, the people have an intrinsic desire to remain strong in their faith, because almost all worship practices in the Church and collective prayer have been abolished. The people seem to have to part ways with the Church for a moment. However, Catholics still receive spiritual honey shared by journalists via social media. (3) The church through its preachers is required to be able and able to take advantage of existing social media for the benefit of the Church and Catholics

Keywords: Social Media, Covid-19 Pandemic, Catholic Church, Evangelism.