

Use of Mobile Phones Among Prospective Pastors Helps in Carrying Out Daily Routines

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Abstract

Communication and information technology is experiencing rapid development. This development can be seen from the means of communication, namely mobile phones. Mobile is a portable tool because it can be used to communicate, but also to gather information and is practical to carry anywhere. Through cell phones, it is quite easy for the public to access news and information that has happened and is happening. This convenience is also experienced in the education or training of prospective priests (seminaries). The educational process for the formation of prospective priests (brothers) has had an impact or influence on the development of information technology in the world. This research is to see the use of mobile phones among prospective priests which helps in carrying out daily routines. In this study, the author will conduct interviews with 5 seminarians of St. Paul's Major Seminary, Yogyakarta. The five brothers are students currently undergoing a master's program at Santa Dharma University. The purpose of this study was to find out the use of cell phones as a means of technological progress that helps the brothers carry out their daily routines. In addition, mobile phones are also a means of gathering information related to pastoral learning and services.

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INTRODUCTION

Human nature is always longing for God or something supernatural. Humans have the desire to be united with Himself the Son of God who has conquered death by His death and resurrection (LG. 7). The church provides a place for coaching called Seminary. This coaching is specifically for a young man who wants to become a priest/pastor must be driven by the intention to respond to a "call". Calls cannot be understood only to the extent of exclamations that make sounds like "a mother calls her child". In the context of the education of prospective Priests, vocation is understood as the awareness raised by the Holy Spirit to serve God in the Church and the world (LG. 7). When a young man becomes aware of the call, he has the freedom to choose whether or not to respond. Over time, this awareness continues to change. This change is influenced by one of them with continuous technological advances.

Technological progress is a development that cannot be avoided. This technological advancement is influenced by the development of science from day to day. Technology provides innovations and positive benefits for human life. These innovations can be seen in the phenomenon of communicating between humans, which is facilitated. Nowadays humans can establish communication more easily even with anyone and anywhere. This becomes a new way for humans to carry out activities (John Paulus II, 2005).

Education or training for prospective priests (seminaries) has an impact or influence on the development of information technology in the world. When compared to the previous method, many changes can be felt, especially the Church in educating the brothers. Today's communication makes distance and time not a problem or a distraction for the brothers (John Paulus II, 2005). Brothers can communicate with anyone including their families when they feel

homesick, take part in solving problems in the family or among people especially those who are Catholics. Mobile is a portable means of communication.

Mobile is one of the advances in communication technology that can be owned by almost all people in the world. This facility has been explored among children, teenagers, young people, even grandparents, especially the brothers. This facility is sufficient to help the brothers communicate, spread the word and have mission (pastoral) in the midst of community life (A. Sudiarja, 2014). The use of mobile phones as a portable means is not only used for communication, but also for gathering information. The community is quite easy to access news or information that has happened and is happening. This convenience is seen when people want to buy an item. They can quickly buy an item they want without asking about specifications. This can happen because many people have received information through the mobile phones they already have. The ease of obtaining information is enough to influence the pattern of people's lives, including education, specifically education in seminaries.

Not a few formations for prospective priests or seminaries have begun to open up with advances in technology. Initially, the seminary gave a policy or rule that every individual who was undergoing an education process at the seminary was not allowed to carry a cell phone. This policy certainly has its own value or purpose for the institution to educate its prospective priests. However, it is undeniable that the current situation and conditions that are continuously developing have forced several educational institutions for prospective priests to start allowing their students to use mobile phones. This decision is of course taken based on various considerations related to the influence that will occur in the educational process. Even so, the seminary continues to look positively at the current use of cell phones by prospective priests.

The daily life of the brothers has a predetermined dynamic. This dynamic sometimes makes the brothers bored in carrying out quite monotonous activities. With the existence of mobile phones at this time, it is sufficient to provide color and benefits for the brothers especially in digging up information related to learning. Apart from that, the brothers also find it easy to find simple entertainment amidst their scheduled activities. The brothers can listen to music, watch videos and other social media which of course can support the brothers' learning and self-development.

Research on the use of mobile phones has been carried out in a variety of different study focuses. In the last five years, the authors have found that many studies on mobile phone use have focused on aspects of the impact of mobile phone use. The influence of cellphone use on adolescent social interaction (2018) was explained by Muchlis Aziz, et al. The aim of their research was to examine the influence of mobile phone use on community interaction in Dayah Meunara Village, Kutamakmur District, North Aceh District. In addition, their research is also related to understanding the inhibiting factors of social interaction patterns in the area. Similar research has also been conducted by Angla F. Sauhenda, et al (2019) which aims to determine the use of mobile phones in the learning process. Meanwhile, research on the Education of future priests was conducted by Ka Yan (2021) who wrote about emotional intelligence in order to adapt to the surrounding values of prospective Catholic priests. He also mentioned that the recognition of the emotions of other people or social society needs to be fostered earlier, because the language of communication has different values from the situation in Seminary. This is related to the use of technology that continues to grow at this time also in the use of social media. From several examples of research that has been conducted, it appears that research on the use of mobile phones for the community, especially in the formation of prospective priests, has been carried out a lot. So the Church continues to strive to keep abreast of current world changes and preaching must involve technological advances (Afandi, 2018).

Based on the background above, it can be seen that cell phones among religious/priest candidates are enough to add color to life, especially in seminary training. This is important to know because this is something new for prospective priests in responding to their call. This research aims to develop educational material for prospective priests in response to rapid technological developments. Apart from that, this research also provides education for prospective priests (brothers) in using technology, especially cellphones, more wisely

RESEARCH METHODS

The research method is a research plan with steps in the form of broad assumptions. The research method also uses data collection, analysis and interpretation (Creswell, 2016). This research approach uses qualitative research methods. This research contains authentic characteristics because it is based on direct data sources. This qualitative method sees the object from the actual situation during direct research. The data collected is not in the form of numbers but descriptive from interviews and field notes. The principle of this research has a natural nature, because the situation of the research object is natural and as it is without being manipulated, regulated by experiment.

This study does not test a hypothesis, but only wants to know the state of the variables independently, does not link one variable to another in a systematic way. The data obtained will be matched with the theory as a benchmark as appropriate. The formulation of the problem to be studied determines in-depth observations and research. This research can be used to explore the meaning of a number of individuals or groups of people considered part of a social community (Creswell, 2016:4). The data collection process used is face-to-face and interacting with people in the conditions or situations where the research object lives (McMillan & Schumache, 2003). This is a tradition of social science which can be seen from observations of the social situation of society according to language and culture (Moleong, 2013).

In this study, the author will conduct interviews with 5 seminarians of St. Paul's Major Seminary, Yogyakarta. The five brothers are students currently undergoing a master's program at Santa Dharma University. The results of this interview are the author's data to see the use of cellphones among prospective priests who help in carrying out daily routines.

RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

St Paul's Major Seminary, Yogyakarta is an educational institution for diocesan priest candidates (brothers). This educational institution for prospective priests allows the brothers to use cell phones. This policy aims to support learning and communication, especially for brothers who are currently undergoing a master's degree. Most of the brothers use cell phones of the smartphone type. Smartphone is the development of a mobile phone that has computer functions. Smartphone-type mobile phones have specifications that can easily connect to the internet network. This facility becomes a development of information technology. The phenomenon of this technological development is quite felt by the world's population, especially among religious people, in this case the education of prospective priests, see Table 1.

Table 1. Brothers of St. Major Seminary Paulus Yogyakarta in Using Mobile Phones

Obj	Cellphone Use (HP)	Example of Helping Others	Things that are Shared in the use of HP (Social Media)	Positive Meaning
R ¹	- Communicate. - Looking for thesis materials. - Entertainment facilities:	- Provide lecture materials - Providing pastoral care.	- Brief reflections on daily readings in the form of narration and pictures.	- Learning and communication facilities.

	watching Youtube, Instagram, facebook, e-mail		- Promotion of vocation to become a priest (pastor)	
R ²	- Communicate remotely - Learning - Searching for information	- Become a story friend - Become a related liaison in terms of learning and committees.	- Personal reflections in simple expressions and pictures.	- "Still connected, still forward". Connect and move forward
R ³	- Communicate - Browsing - Social media - Publication	- Provide blood donor information	- Music Covers, - Reflection	- Using a cell phone is like diving, drowning
R ⁴	- Practical means of communicating - Watch movies and listen to songs	- Pastoral ministry by giving spiritual insight.	- Witness and inspiration,	- <i>Cellphones cannot replace face-to-face encounters.</i>
R ⁵	- Means of communication - Searching for information - social media	- Coordinating committees..	- Reflection of life,	- One part of God's work of salvation promised to mankind.

Use of Mobile Phones for Brothers

Based on the data obtained in the interview process, the brothers who are currently undergoing a master study program use mobile phones for communication purposes. Their answers are not much different. The five brothers said that mobile phones were used to communicate related to learning/study. In addition to communicating, the handphones are also used by the brothers to find information. Mobile is used to find information, especially related to studies and news that is happening in society. The information search carried out by the brothers is related to the use of Social Media. The brothers use social media for preaching and pastoral purposes. In addition, mobile phones are also a means to seek entertainment. The entertainment is in the form of movies, short videos, songs, and making graphic designs.

The human dimension as a social being wants to relate to other humans and the surrounding environment. This desire drives people to acquire knowledge (Siswanto, 2005). This effort to acquire knowledge forces humans to communicate. This communication is not only related to other humans, but also related to information related to the community environment. The rapid development of technology unknowingly affects every aspect of human life. This can be seen in the use of television, landline phones, mobile phones, and the internet which have become commonplace. It is undeniable that technology has become the spearhead in the era of globalization that has hit almost all over the world. This condition led to the birth of a new world, namely the 'network world'.

'Network world' is the term for most people who are quite close to the internet network. The internet network makes people have a modern lifestyle (Akik Hidayat, et al, 2021). This modern lifestyle is a social act of society that has convenience in carrying out various daily activities. Ease that appears in the aspect of human life. Access to communication between humans is getting faster and no longer has boundaries in space or time. In terms of work, humans find it easy to complete tasks more efficiently. This phenomenon is quite felt by society, especially for the brothers.

These technological advances affect the pastoral movement and activities of the brothers. This is quite felt in the field of catechesis (Komkat KWI, 2015). Catechesis takes on a new form of communication. Catechism or proclamation at this time is expected to be able to see opportunities in digital culture. As part of the life of the church, the preaching of the Church is required to always develop itself so that it can carry out its responsibility to become the sacrament of God's presence in the midst of the world (Madya, 2018). The use of cellphones as a medium for preaching and development in preaching by the brothers is a development of the process of formation of today's future priests.

The Action of Using Mobile Phones to Help Others

Media can be interpreted as something to channel messages from senders to recipients (Bastian 2019). Media is material, means, or even events that make people able to receive information, knowledge, skills, and attitudes. This understanding can be understood that the meaning of media includes intermediaries, means, means, and channels of communication. Media as a means of communication from time to time continues to experience development.

The development of science in the world of communication is influenced by digital technology. This technology affects the mindset and way of life of humans, especially young people (Iivari et al., 2020). This can be seen in the way they communicate in social life. Changes in the way of communicating today is the use of digital technology called mobile phones (mobile phones). Mobile has become a portable means of communicating between people in social life. In addition, mobile phones can also be used to dig up related information in learning and everyday life. This event had an impact on society, especially in church life.

The Church has a missionary nature, as expressed in the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Decree "Ad Gentes" concerning the Missionary Activities of the Church. The missionary nature of the Church is inseparable from the framework of God's plan. God sent Jesus, His Son to continue the work of saving mankind (Anagolu, 2019). Here, of course in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. However, God still wants human cooperation. Human involvement or participation in God's work of salvation is a form of human response to God's offers and invitations. Involvement and participation in God's saving work is of course also carried out in the environment of priests and brothers.

Based on data from five respondents, it can be seen that three of them use cellphones to help others related to students. This is due to the context in which the brothers are currently undergoing master education at Sanata Dharma University. The current environmental context is enough to give more positions in the dynamics of their lives related to learning. Apart from that, the brothers also use mobile phones for pastoral service and spreading the Gospel/good news in the current way and model. There is a development in the pattern and way of interacting with the world around the brothers in using mobile phones. The Church continues to remind and make us aware that social communication media is used carefully and must be able to distinguish it from the form of growth of Christ's kingdom. Therefore, if the presence of modern social communication media is able to present the growth of Christ's kingdom, then it "is very helpful to refresh the heart and develop the mind, and to spread and strengthen the Kingdom of God" (Hardawiryana, 2013).

Things Shared Using Mobile Phones

In the document *Evangelii Gaudium* et spes, it is said that to preach the gospel in society, one must first become acquainted with the culture of a particular society. Furthermore, people must maintain and develop it according to circumstances, context and situation (EG. 2). This development then needs to be perfected in Christ, so that the faith of Christ and the life of the Church begins to seep into people's lives as believers. This needs to be considered by

educational institutions for prospective priests, for the development of evangelism in the future.

Every believer has the duty to proclaim the Gospel in society. Brothers as people of faith need to have a new way of spreading the Gospel. The development of communication technology requires the brothers to be creative in evangelizing contextually. Cellphones are a means for brothers to spread the gospel in today's digital era. Based on the data obtained, the Brothers of St. Paul Seminary in Yogyakarta, who are currently studying for the Masters program, are already using mobile phones as a means of preaching. Forms of preaching that are shared by the brothers using mobile phones include: reflections on the life they experience daily both in the seminary and in the community, short reflections on daily readings in the form of narration and pictures, promotion of vocations to become a priest (pastor), personal reflections in simple expressions and pictures, spiritual music covers, giving testimony and inspiration.

Interpret Handpone Use More Positively

Based on the data obtained, mobile phones are used as something that is quite positive. However, they can also be aware of the limitations of using a mobile phone as a candidate for priesthood. There are things that need to be sorted out as a form of self-maturity in using mobile phones. So, the brothers are expected to be able to use cellphones properly in Javanese, known as Samadya. The presence of mobile phones is indeed able to provide various benefits and conveniences for its users, especially for the brothers as students who are studying for a master's degree. Based on the survey, it was found that the use of cellphones among brothers is for more positive things. The brothers use their cell phones to find resources for doing coursework, pastoral care, entertainment, etc. The intention of using mobile phones in seminary is to develop and facilitate the learning process for the brothers.

The seminarians of St. Paul Yogyakarta Major Seminary interpret the use of mobile phones in a positive way. Some of these positive meanings include: Learning and communication facilities, Still connected, still forward, "a cell phone is like diving, sinking". However, the brothers understand that having a cell phone does not change their behavior and way of life in community. Understanding of this situation was evident in several respondents who revealed that mobile phones could not replace face-to-face encounters. This answer is their reflection that the use of mobile phones that provide convenience is an encouragement to continue to progress and develop themselves.

CONCLUSION

The church provides a place for coaching called Seminary. This coaching is specifically for a young man who wants to become a candidate for priesthood must be driven by the intention to respond to a "call". The life of these prospective priests is quite structured. The seminary already has agendas of activities that must be carried out by prospective priests in their daily lives. This often makes prospective priests feel tired, bored, and bored. The semianri's policy of allowing the use of cell phones for prospective priests has become a special color for the brothers. The use of mobile phones is a facility to support the learning of the brothers. In addition, cellphones are a medium that makes it easier to communicate with staff, people, and families.

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