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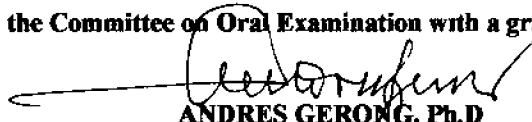
  
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ABSTRACT

This study focused on the Basic Ecclesial Communities of Sto. Tomas de Villanueva Parish in El Pardo, Cebu City, particularly with regard to the effects of the BECs' formation and organization development strategies on the BEC members' level of awareness, responsiveness, and effectiveness, as well as their level of social relationships and spiritual manifestations.

The discussion of the aforementioned concerns is prefaced by this study's presentation of the profile of the Basic Ecclesial Communities, in terms of their vision and mission, organizational set up, programs and projects, as well as the presentation of the BEC members' perceptions of aspects or features involved in the formation and organization development strategies, especially in the development of income generating projects for the poor, of the Sto. Tomas de Villanueva's Basic Ecclesial Communities. The data in this study were gathered using a questionnaire, participatory research (where the researcher participates in various BEC activities, using participant observation technique), and interview. Utilizing an interview schedule that the study participants themselves helped improve.

The inadequate implementation of the processes of formation and organization based on the perceptions and personal accounts of the BEC practitioners - as members, surfaced as the major finding of this study.

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