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## Abstract

### **Translating Bandung Diocese's Pastoral Care into Contextual Action during Covid-19 Pandemic:**

**Sharing Experiences from Covid-19 Response Team of Saint Theodore Parish, Bandung, Indonesia**

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This paper presents how the Parish built a response team in partnership with Catholic physicians who lives in the territory. The Parish took a role in educating people about Covid-19, tracing and testing, vaccination programs, and providing social service to the neighbourhood. In the peak of Covid-19 outbreak, the team provides online consultation for church members who live in isolation due to Covid-19.

By doing this, the Parish accomplished WHO recommendation for religious leaders in the context of Covid-19, and translated Bandung Diocese's Pastoral Care into contextual services.

Keywords: Pastoral Care, Covid-19, Pandemic, Contextual Services

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# Translating Bandung Diocese's Pastoral Care into Contextual Action during Covid-19 Pandemic: Sharing Experiences from Covid-19 Response Team of Saint Theodore Parish, Bandung, Indonesia



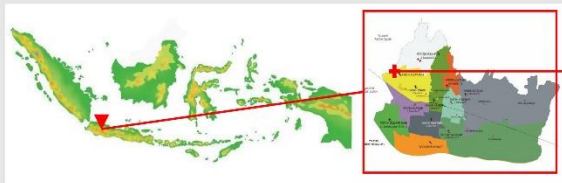
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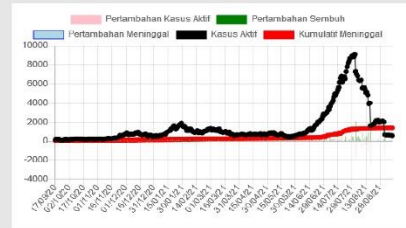
## Introduction

Bandung is the capital city of West Java Province and also the center of The Diocese of Bandung. Bandung Diocese has a clear vision based on John 15:17 "This is my command: Love each other". The Pastoral Care vision is implemented in the spirit of "Passion for Christ, Passion for others, and Passion for the community".



Bandung Diocese covers the major part of West Java province

Saint Theodore (Sukawarna) Parish



Covid-19 situation in Bandung (September 2020 – August 2021).  
 This graph is downloaded from official website of Bandung Covid-19 Information Center.  
 URL: <https://covid19.bandung.go.id/data>

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## COVID-19 Pandemic in Bandung

The first Covid-19 case in Bandung happened in March 2020. Afterwards, cases increase significantly over a long period of time, until now.

## Methods

The methodology includes a brief interview with the Parish Pastoral Council as well as observation of various activities in the Parish between March 2020 – July 2021.

## How Saint Theodore Parish responds to Covid-19 pandemic

The Parish attempting to carry out Bandung Diocese's Pastoral Care in the context of controlling the spread of Covid-19. For this reason, the Parish Pastoral Council founded Covid-19 Response Team. The pictures below showed how the Response Team translating Bandung Diocese's Pastoral Care into Covid-19 promotive and preventive care.

<p><b>PASSION FOR CHRIST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37)</li> <li>John 4:5-42 → The Samaritan Woman</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain The Sacrament (online/ virtual and physical distancing Church gathering).                  Catechese and other religious service: online</p>	<p>On site Sunday Mass with physical distancing. The Mass is also livestreamed by youtube.                  First Communion at the period of relaxation of Public Activity Restriction in Bandung.</p>
<p><b>PASSION FOR OTHERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39)</li> <li>Luk 10: 25-37 → The Samaritan Man</li> </ul>	<p>Built a response team in partnership with Catholic physicians who lives in the territory                  Provide tracing and testing for church member who need it                  Educate the church member about Covid-19 and vaccination                  In the peak of Covid-19 outbreak, the team provided online consultation for church member who lives in isolation due to Covid-19</p>	<p>Contact Tracing and Tracing                  Covid-19 webinar for Church member</p>
<p><b>PASSION FOR COMMUNITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34)</li> <li>Acts 2:41-47 → The fellowship of the believers</li> </ul>	<p>Donate medical and personal protective equipment to some Hospital and Primary Health Care Services                  In accordance with the WHO recommendation for religious leaders in the context of Covid-19, the Parish take a role in public health mission and disease control:                  Promotive: giving education about Covid-19 and vaccination                  Preventive: vaccination program                  Curative: free consultation for those who need                  Provide charity services to the neighborhood and undersupplied/ vulnerable groups of people.</p>	<p>The Pastors lead the donation of Medical Protective Equipment to the Hospital and Primary Health Care Services.                  Facilitate Covid-19 vaccination for the neighbor community</p>

## Conclusion

Saint Theodore Parish translated Bandung Diocese's Pastoral Care into contextual action by getting involved in COVID-19 care.