

## Imam yang selibat : makna dan tantangannya dewasa ini

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### Abstrak

Nowadays the problem of many priests has challenged priesthood itself, particularly its key element, namely celibacy. The first is a challenge to re-evaluate the relevancy of mandatory celibacy. Another challenge is that as the Church confronts the scandals caused by some priests, society itself has begun to challenge the Church's tradition of a celibate priesthood. However, I believe that the celibacy of priest is a gift from God and a personal decision to embrace a tangible witness of the love of God to all creation. Through love one will dedicate him/herself wholeheartedly to the service of God as either a religious or a priest. Love plays a pivotal role in celibacy as an essential beginning which continuous giving impact on the life of the celibate.