

Using Automated Contact Tracing System App with QR Code to monitor and safeguard Parishioners against COVID-19 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Subic, Zambales

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ABSTRACT

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KEYWORDS: QR Code, Contract Tracing System, COVID-19, St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Introduction

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and location can be diligently implemented properly and a lot of paper works will be saved because it can generate a quick one-time real-time report that can be exported into an excel form and sent through the e-mails using the Mobile App that scans and generates QR Code per Parishioners. Using a smartphone technology is a powerful tool that may be engaged to boundary the disease transmission during a pandemic; it also present significant privacy concerns regarding the collection of personal data such as location using QR Code, (Yasaka1 et al.). Automated contact tracing has been proposed as a way to supplement manual contact tracing and lends itself to widely multiplied devices such as cell phones and wearable, (Hatke et al., 2020). A number of questions that could address when assessing the ethical challenges of mobile applications for automated contact-tracing of COVID-19, (L. Bengtsson,

Eysenbach, M. Hildebrandt, M. Salathe, & M. Salathé, 2020).

Methodology:

The Researchers have conducted data gathering using Focus Group Discussion and survey questionnaire dated September 21, 2020, and presented to the respondents the functionality of the said enhanced system that is capable of solving the current pandemic problem and there are 25 Officers from the Parish Pastoral Council who have attended and was held at the PPC Hall of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Subic, Zambales, Philippines. 28 respondents were able to respond during the pilot testing of the enhanced system which is composed of men and women ranging from 18 to 70 years old. A descriptive research design will be used for this type of problem and frequency-based statistical treatment will be employed.

Locale of the Study:

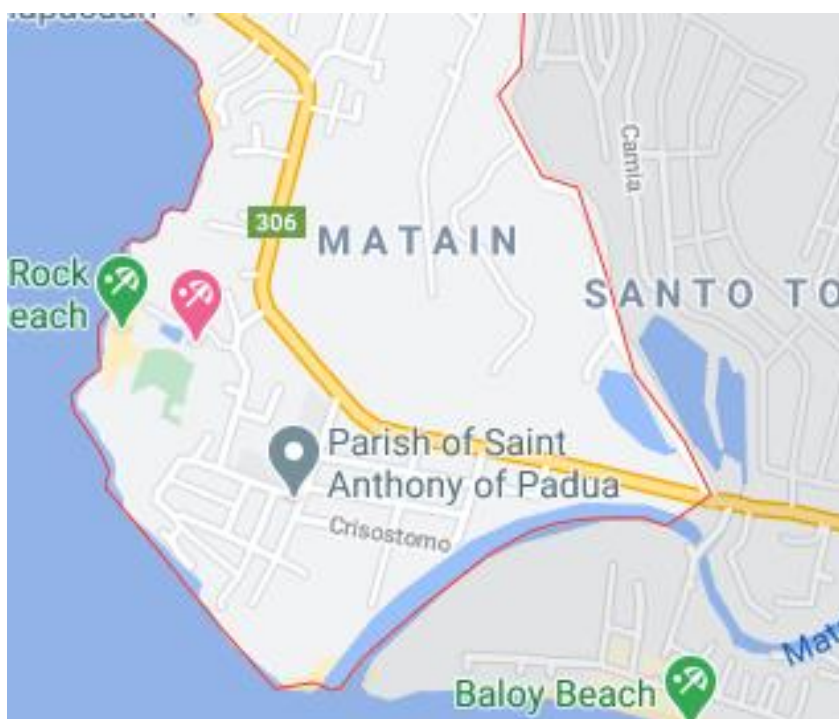


Figure 1: Map of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Matain, Subic, Zambales, Philippines

Results:

The result shows that the following are:

Profile of the variables:

Gender	Age	Total
Male	18 – 23	21
Female	18 – 70	7

Table 1: shows that there are 21 Male who have attended the 6:15 am Mass today and there are 7 Female who have participated in the pilot testing of the system.

Focus Group Discussion



Figure 2: shows the focus group discussion during the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

QR Coding

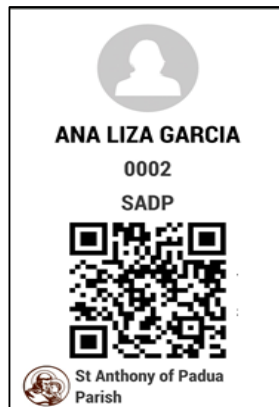


Figure 3: shows the QR Code of the parishioners.

Discussions:

It was perceived that the Automated Contact Tracing System with QR Code can accurately get the attendance of those parishioners who are attending the Daily and Sunday masses and it will prevent from contacting the attendance checker and will prevent from COVID-19 virus.

Conclusions:

In conclusion the implementation of the Automated Contact Tracing System with QR Code Will be beneficial to

the Parishioners because it may trace and log their attendance quickly and will generate an excel form report.

Recommendations:

Further studies will be done in the enhancement and Ciustomized of the Automated Contact Tracing System with QR Code.

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