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GUBUG SELA MERAPI AT A GLANCE

Saint Mary of Lourdes Parish in *Sumber* is located in the West slope of Mount Merapi, one of the active volcanoes in the world. Since it is located in the slope of one of the everlasting active volcanoes, *Sumber* is well-known for its fertile soil due to its volcanic soil from Mount Merapi. It is no wonder that most of the Sumber Parish are farmers, particularly vegetable farmers, and others are traders, workers, livestock breeders, sand/rock Merapi miners, and stone sculptors.

The society in Mount Merapi Slope is also known as a tolerant society. This is reflected in their everyday life in that they are friendly, open, helpful, tolerant, full of solidarity, and harmonious.

Sumber Parish has around 3,000 followers in four areas, Sumber, Juwono, Ngargomulyo, and Lor Senowo in which each area has its own church. In Lor Senowo, one may find a popular church *Gubug Sela Merapi* is the popular name for Saint Petrus Canisius Church in Lor Senowo. The church activities such as the Church day celebrations and masses are often combined with the traditional arts. These activities involve the members of the society from different religions. For them, religious celebrations signify happiness which they also experience when they have their own celebrations. This reflects the society's simple, tolerant, and harmonious way of life.

In Gubug Sela Merapi, the Parish develops a nature-and-culture-based spiritual educational service for youths using the integral method: **exploration** (finding out through interactions with nature and Mount Merapi society), **creation** (social work through live-in), and **integration** (experimenting by getting involved with nature and society). From this educational service, the participants are expected to find useful values in their future lives.

Lereng Merapi, June 2007

Gubug Sela Merapi Educational Team

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STUDENT IDENTITY	
Name	: _____
Place, date of birth	: _____
Address	: _____
Telephone/Hand Phone	: _____
Hobbies	: _____

The purpose of Live In activity:

Through this activity, the participants are trained to:

1. Develop their abilities in interacting and communicating with other people.
2. Have more appreciation and respect towards other people of different backgrounds (social status, cultural background, religion, language, etc.)
3. Recognize and comprehend the real life in the society.
4. Be more sensitive toward the social and environmental situations, develop their ability and skill to analyze the social and environmental problems in their surroundings.
5. Find and familiarize themselves with the life values that were obtained through interaction with the society and nature.
6. Reflect the values obtained through the educational process and reflect them in the daily lives.