

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

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There are some causes the fallen women sent to Holy Saint Magdalen Home that depicted in this novel, such as: pregnancy in unmarried lock, sexual victim, vilification victim, prostitute woman and idiot woman. Actually they are sent to Holy Saint Magdalen Home because their family rejects them in the family and Holy Saint Magdalen Home as a religion institution is the only one institution that accept them and care about them. In the Holy Saint Magdalen Home the fallen women give the place to stay and feed by the nun freely, but as the feeds back of it the fallen women must work in Magdalen laundry without paid.

There are seven functions of religion and one dysfunction of religion to fallen women that found in the novel. The seven function of religion that found in this research, they are: question about ultimate meaning, it means that a religion can make answer the question about afterlife such as hell and heaven. Social solidarity, this function shown by Holy Saint Magdalen Home as a religion institution accepts fallen women to stay at that place freely. Guidelines for everyday life, in this novel describes that Christian religion as guidelines for everyday life, it shown when the nuns ask the fallen women to pray, read the bible and etc. Social

control, beside as guidelines for everyday life a religion also has a function as social control. Adaptation, in this novel shows that between the members of Christian religion they should help each other to adaptation, and it is depicted in this novel that is between fallen women help the new comer to adaptation in the Magdalen Home. Support for the government, this function also depicted in this novel, from the story the researcher knows that Christian religion is the largest religion at that time that is way the government also makes a relation with Magdalen Home and get a profit from it. The last function is social change. The social change depicted in this novel is the existence of Holy Saint Magdalen Home itself. As a religion institution Magdalen Home success change the mindset of their members.

Besides that, the researcher also found the dysfunction of religion to fallen women in this novel. It is religion as justification for persecution. It means that religion as the systematic mistreatment of an individual or group of individuals as a response to their religious beliefs. As explained in chapter III the dysfunction of religion that depicted in the novel such as: work hard, the nuns ask them to hard work but the nuns don't give them much money and don't permit them to enter from that place until the fallen women fell isolated and not feel free and they also think that they are in the prison. The second is fallen women cannot live with their babies because they must give their babies in the orphanage. The last is fallen women get the bad treatment such as: wear bad clothes, until they eat the

