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Happy Birthday Father Vlad!!!

Monday, 6th of May, is Father Vlad 85th birthday! Many Happy Returns, Father!!!



Reporting from Rome, Papal Orders Annual Pilgrimage

Last week, was the Rome Pilgrimage of The Association of Papal Orders in Great Britain, whose chaplain I have been since 1986. The Pilgrimage was from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th April 2024.



The group visiting the Venerabile Collegio Inglese in Rome

We departed Monday 22nd from London Heathrow T5, a bit later than on programme, but arrived on time at Rome Fiumicino at 15.56. Coach transfer to our hotel 'Ponte Sisto', close to that bridge. I celebrated mass in the hotel at 18.30, followed by drinks and dinner in the hotel.

Tuesday, it was the feast of St George with mass at St Alfonso Church in via Merulana, followed by a group picture on its steps, and close to a statue of St Francis.

Visit to St John Lateran, then huge – four-course - and slow lunch at Spaccio Pasta then on to St Callixtus catacombs. Very educational and entertaining guide was Don Sam – an Indian Salesian.

Driven for 18.30 drinks at home of Brigadier Tom Ogilvie-Gaham on Aurelia Antics 200.

Dinner at La Pollarola Restaurant, 5 min walk from Hotel.

Wednesday. Coach left hotel 6.40 am for 8.45 mass in honour of St Peter by Cardinal Arthur Roche at the altar of the Immaculate Conception in St Peter.

9.00 papal audience.

After the audience we went to Arthur's Dicastry where he described what his role meant; what he did and did not do on Liturgy and The Discipline of Sacraments.

I skipped lunch as the day before the meals were massive.

Then we walked to via Rusticucci to listen to a talk and take tea with the Deputy Head of Mission Dr Anabel Inge as the ambassador was out of Rome.

5.00pm coach to hotel then, at 7.45, a short walk across Ponte Sisto for dinner at Antico Osteria Ponte Sisto.

Thursday, early rising to depart 9.15 for a guided tour of Vatican Museums.

Skipped lunch then 14.00-14.45 coach tour of Vatican Gardens.

Back by coach at hotel 3.15pm. 4.00pm walk to Venerabile Collegio Inglese for a talk, and then mass celebrated by Fr Stephen Wang the Rector.

Walked to Hostaria Costanza restaurant, Piazza del Paradiso.

I left at 10.00pm as the rest were enjoying talking on their last night, I walked back to hotel arriving 10.15pm.

Friday 9.00 celebrated mass at the church of San Salvatore in Onda - next to hotel.

Back for breakfast and packing.

Photo in hotel's "Secret Garden".

Off to Fiumicino Airport for BA flight 547, arrived at LHR on time, 16.55.

As I had just hand luggage so said 'fair well' to all and took Piccadilly tube to Acton Town then District to Stamford Brook.

PS Our group of 28 gave the impression they really enjoyed my spiritual input.



Meeting Cardinal Arthur in Rome

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A Journey to Eternity

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Vlad stroking ICBC boat, Head of the River, 1959

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
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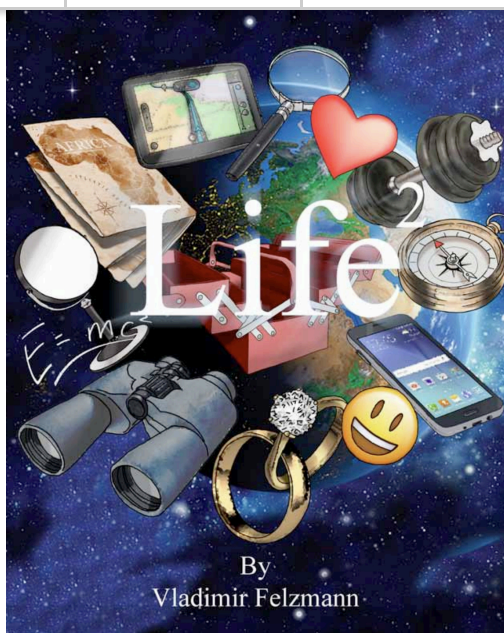
As I approached my 80th birthday, I wanted to find out what I really thought about life. Writing this book has crystallised my experiences. I now know better what I have learned and what I think.

Now, that I'm coming to the end of my life, I have finally learned how to live. Time's slippage nudged me to act on my dream of passing what I have learned on to others.

Father Vlad

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