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## Welcome to Father Vlad's Newsletter!

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## Newsletter nr 42 - 22nd December 2024

*"This year's Advent – preparing us for the birth of Jesus thanks to his mother Mary's "fiat mihi" – had for me a special spiritual frisson. Thanks to the BBC, I was able to watch the re-opening of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.*

*As, after painstaking reconstruction by more than 1,200 artisans who worked to restore the 12th century landmark following the great fire of April 2019 - costing some £582m - Notre Dame Cathedral - whose construction in honour of Mary's mother started in 1163, reopened 7<sup>th</sup> December (a day before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception) with a splendid ceremony.*

*Some 50 world leaders and heads of state- among 1,500 dignitaries -attended two days of ceremonies showcasing the cathedral's art, history and religious rituals. The cathedral's grand organ, with some 8,000 pipes, played a leading role in celebrating Mary The Mother of God.*

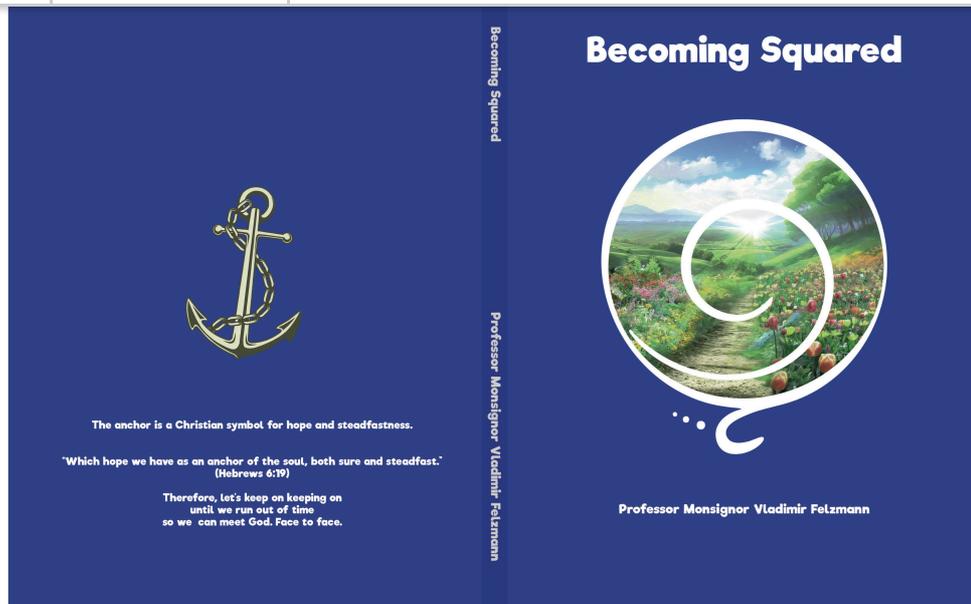
*I hope and pray that your Christmas, though less splendid, will be full of gratitude to Mary – and to God - as you enjoy the celebration of your own, ever new, spiritual life.*

*Father Vlad*

*PS In case you are interested, some 2,000 workers from 250 firms worked on 2,000 oak trees donated from French forests to rebuild the roof and leave the interior as pale and gleaming as it would have been in the Middle Ages."*

## Becoming Squared, the latest book by Msgr. Fr. Vladimir Felzmann is available!

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## **Father Vlad's Blog**



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### **Recent Blogs:**

20/12/2024 [Sport and the Church - 3](#)

15/12/2024 [Gaudete Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent](#)

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## **News**

### **Dementia Carers Support – getting to know the facts – and helping.**

The latest initiative by Father Vlad, in support of Dementia sufferers. Please read the following article, and email Father Vlad with any ideas, comments, suggestions or to get involved.

[Dementia Carers Support – getting to know the facts – and helping.](#)

Please email your suggestions to [vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk)

available on his [website](#). Father Vlad will continue writing his articles on sport & life, for his [website](#) and newsletter. For the entire collection of Universe Catholic Weekly articles, please click [here](#).



Father Vlad podcasts on **Radio Maria England** are available!

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## A Journey to Eternity

All, three parts of my memories “A Journey to Eternity” are now available. If you are interested, just email me at [Vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk) or [mshr.vladimir.felzmann@gmail.com](mailto:mshr.vladimir.felzmann@gmail.com) and copies will be on their way to you, they put some flesh on what there is in my Biography.

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|  | <p>Fr Vlad Felzmann was born in Prague in 1939 and came to London at the end of World War II. He studied Civil Engineering at Imperial College London and received his Doctorate in Divinity (summa cum laude) from Lateran University in Rome.</p> <p>Vlad has led retreats, lectured and spiritually guided people ever since his priestly ordination in 1969. He speaks English, Czech, Spanish, Italian, French and Latin. He enjoys friendship, prayer and writing. He keeps as fit as possible and does press-ups daily to the total of each year of his life since conception.</p> <p>He is the Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy's dedicated Catholic Chaplain and is also Catholic Chaplain for sport, CEO of The John Paul II Foundation for Sport (which he launched in 2011) and is a trustee of The Passage, CaAPA and Genesis. A social entrepreneur, Vlad founded and directed two different pilgrimages to Lourdes and founded the Spiritual Peer Educational Centres SPEC, LOFT and SPEceast.</p> | <h1>A Journey to Eternity</h1> <p>The early years: 1939-59</p>  |
| <p>Vlad stroking ICBC boat, Head of the River, 1959</p> <p>£3.00</p>                | <p>AS<br/>ALL SQUARED</p>   | <p>Professor Monsignor Vladimir Felzmann<br/>(aka Father Vlad)</p>  |



Main facade of St Peter's Basilica, Rome

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He was director of the Diocese of Westminster's work with Young People and Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy Catholic Chaplain. For many years he was a Trustee of The Passage and is the Catholic Chaplain for Sport, founder of the John Paul II Foundation for Sport (which he launched in 2011), chair of CaAPA, and trustee emeritus of Genesis. A social entrepreneur, Vlad founded and directed two different Diocesan Pilgrimages – YAP for young people and WDP for all – to Lourdes and founded the Spiritual Peer Educational Centres SPEC, LOFT and SPECast.

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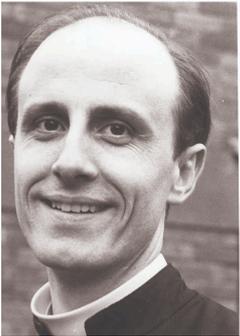
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Journey to Eternity: My Years in Opus Dei: 1959-1982

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The Later Years: 1982 onwards; forever upwards



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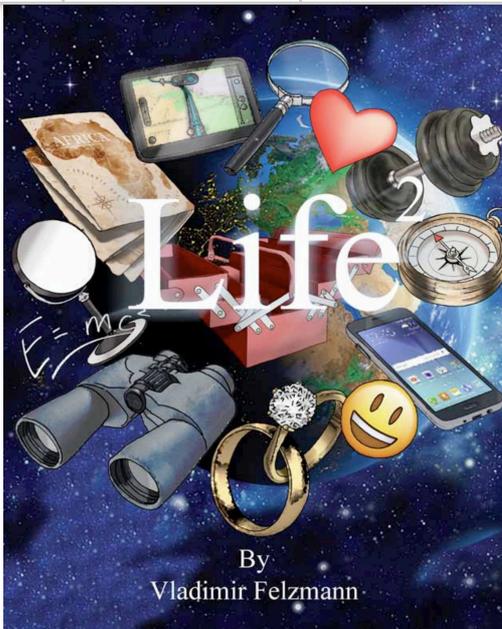
**Don't forget to buy Father Vlad's book Life Squared!**

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*

[download the introduction to Life Squared](#)



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