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Newsletter nr 57 - 27th July 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear All,

The newsletter will take a break during August, we will be back in your inbox in early September. Wishing you and your loved ones a relaxing holiday season!

Fr Vlad

Fr Vlad's message

"Wonder

Wonder, a feeling of amazement and admiration, caused by something beautiful, remarkable, or unfamiliar, is life enriching.

When I pause and think of the Universe, and the structure of our SON – our self, others and nature,- my heart overflows with wonder. That wonder increases my love of our Creator God,

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God," wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ(1844-89) , whose posthumous fame places him among the leading English poets.

The Buddha Siddhartha Gautama,(believed to have lived in the 6th to 4th centuries BCE, though precise dates are debated among scholars) said that "if we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change."

"O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all." Psalm 104:24

[George Washington Carver](#) (1864-1943), American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion. He was one of

tune in.”

"The world will never starve for want of wonders; but only for want of wonder," wrote G.K. Chesterton(1874-1936), English author, philosopher, Christian apologist, journalist and magazine editor, and literary and art critic. Chesterton created the fictional priest-detective Father Brown, and wrote on apologetics, in his "Orthodoxy" and "The Everlasting Man".

"Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand," stated Neil Armstrong(1930-2012), American astronaut and aeronautical engineer who, as the commander of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, became the first person to walk on the Moon.

"Men (and I add 'women') love to wonder, and that is the seed of science," wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson(1803-82), American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, minister, abolitionist, and poet who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century.

"The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself," declared Henry David Thoreau(1817-62), American naturalist, essayist, poet, and philosopher. A leading transcendentalist, he is best known for his book 'Walden,' a reflection upon simple living in natural surroundings.

Every day is wonderful – if we stop, look, ponder and thank God for what there is."

Father Vlad

Father Vlad's Blog



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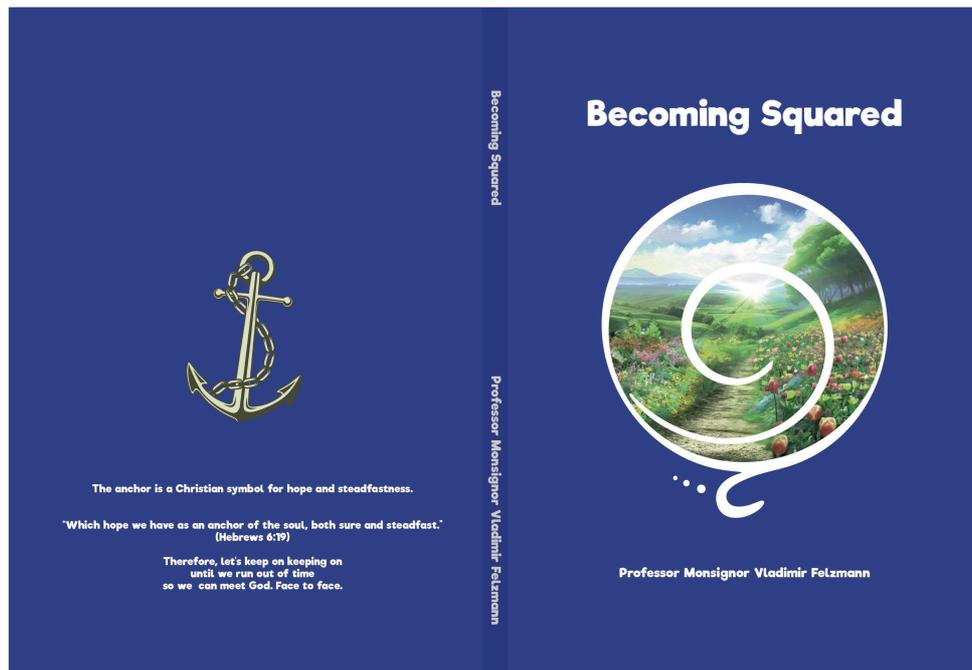
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Becoming Squared, the latest book by Msgr. Vladimir Felzmann is available!



Dementia Carers Support – getting to know the facts – and helping

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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

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and copies will be on their way to you, they put some flesh on what there is in my Biography.



Vlad stroking ICBC boat, Head of the River, 1959

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.

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.

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.

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The early years: 1939-59



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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 SPEceast.

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My Years in Opus Dei: 1959-1982



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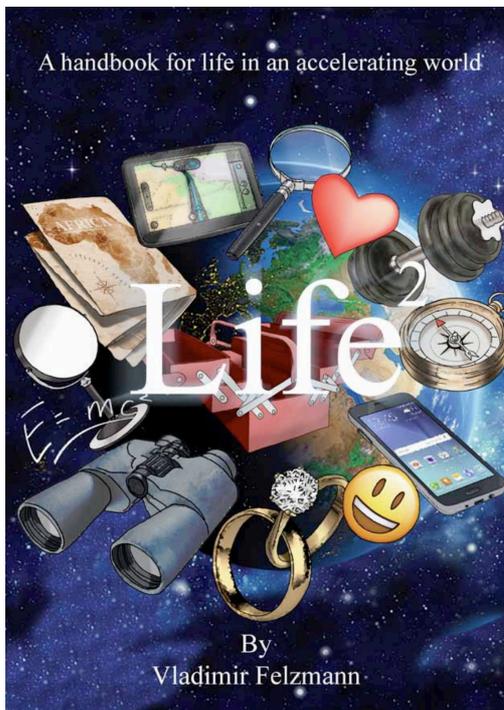
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The Later Years: 1982 onwards; forever upwards



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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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