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The new academic year has started. University students are looking forward to a new stage in the adventure of their lives, which they hope will be a success.

So, perhaps you could pass onto any they you know the quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82), American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, minister, abolitionist, and poet who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century, who said,

“To laugh often and much: To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded.”

In the end, a successful life is one which, at death, is born into divine eternity and can delight in life there with God.

Enjoy – and thank God for – the oasis of love and community in which you live – in world awash with lies and evil, chaos and destruction, as we discover in the media.

I am grateful to God that I am not in Gaza, or Ukraine, Sudan and so many Francophone African countries gripped by violence and inhumanity.

I pray – I can do more – that peace might arrive in all – and soon.

Father Vlad

Father Vlad's Blog

Please visit [Father Vlad Blog](#) for latest homilies, messages and musings.

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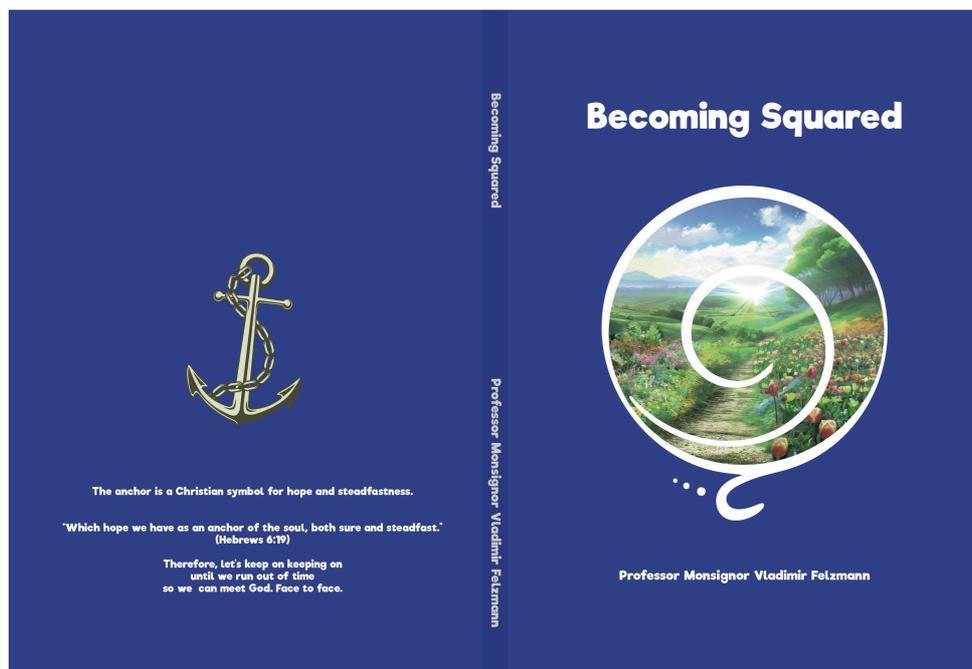
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Dementia Carers Support – getting to know the facts – and helping

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.

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Please email your suggestions to vladimirfelzmann@rcdow.org.uk



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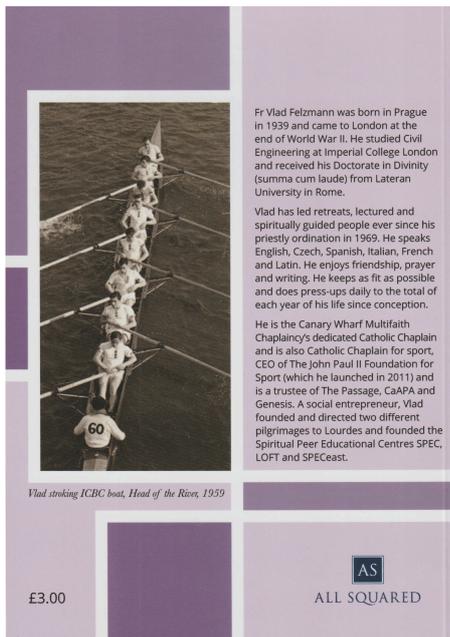
A Journey to Eternity

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.

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A Journey to Eternity
The early years: 1939-59

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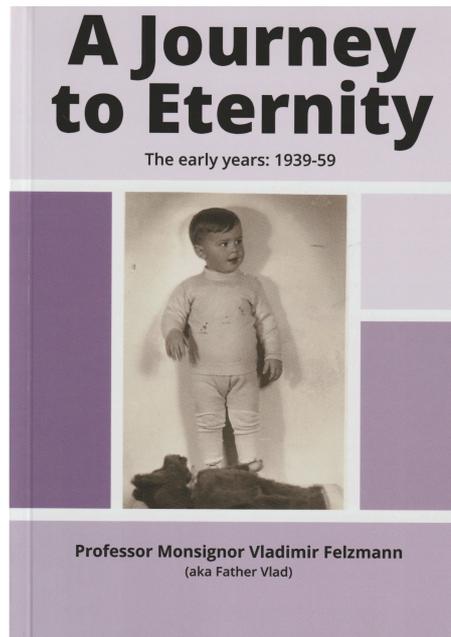
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He is the Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy's dedicated Catholic Chaplain and is also Catholic Chaplain for sport, CEO of The John Paul II Foundation for Sport (which he launched in 2011) and is a trustee of The Passage, CaAPA and Genesis. A social entrepreneur, Vlad founded and directed two different pilgrimages to Lourdes and founded the Spiritual Peer Educational Centres SPEC, LOFT and SPECeast.

Vlad stroking ICBC boat, Head of the River, 1959

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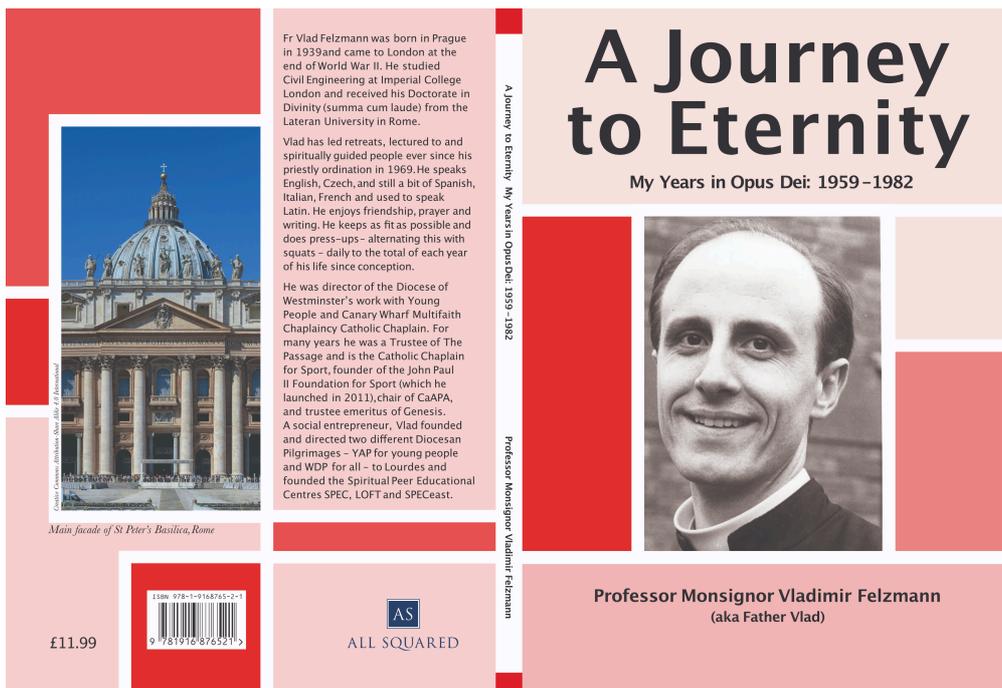
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My Years in Opus Dei: 1959-1982



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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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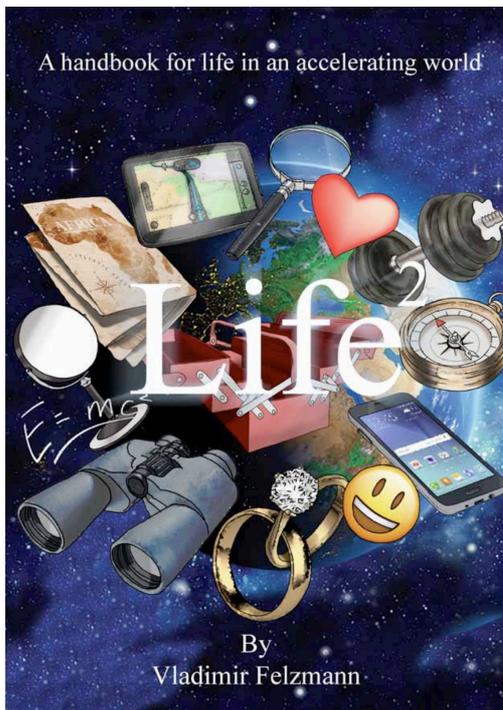
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The Later Years: 1982 onwards; forever upwards



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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.

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