

**XXXV PRIESTHOOD
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*HERE I AM OH LORD, TO DO
YOUR WILL...
BUT MY WAY.***

Obedience is something that has been difficult for me since I was a child, but I have had always obeyed. Perhaps I may not be in accordance with a norm and I will protest and fight so that it may be change, but until it is changed, I do obey. Obeying the will of God is hard work, especially when I do not understand why or what for, God asks something of me. For this reason, my commitment to the priestly life has been, "Here I am, Lord, to do your will". Even though, I always seek to do it in my own way.

When newly ordained, I was impetuous when trying to do things better, in a more innovative and effective way. For example, if God asked me to push a rock I would had answer, "*Yes God, but it is a very big one". I'll better ask my friends at the Department of Public Works to help me. They would gladly provide me with a crane or a tractor to move it.*"

Over the years and after many setbacks that life gives, which cures the foolishness, I learned to be more patient, tolerant and accept to work with dedication,

commitment and love. Without trying to do anything else but what God asked of me, and where He places me.

My Priestly life has been a constant adventure of love for God and his Church. Perhaps I have not gone forth with the big plans I had and, the spectacular projects that I have had put aside to silently complete what God asks of me every day. Perhaps I didn't cover a pastoral of large crowds, but every day, every person I meet, I consider them most important person in the world, since God puts them on my path, and I serve with all my love and devotion. Thus, gradually person after person, I have witnessed the great love God has for each of His children and how their lives are transformed.

Today someone may ask me why I get tired pushing the big rock that I will not be able to move. To which I would answer that God has not asked me to move, but only to push it, even though I may not why, but surely God will know why. So today, as 35 years ago, I say and I renew my promise:
Here I am Lord, to do your will!
Just let me flourish wherever You may Plant me.

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