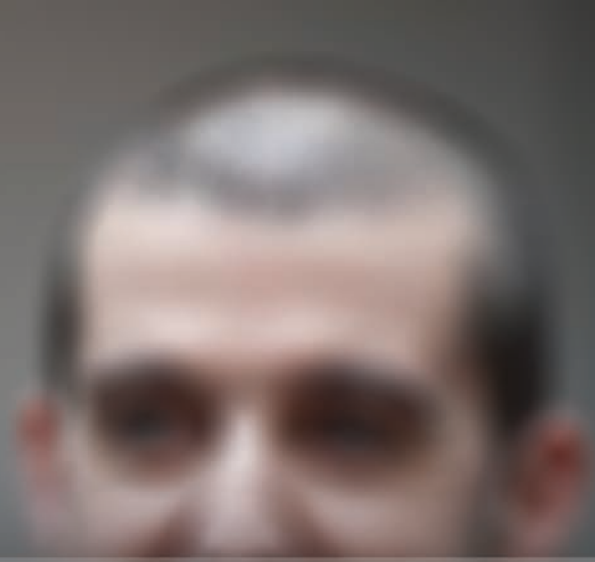




# Br James Hayes - De La Mennais Brother



From my mid-teens I've somehow always known that I would find the most fulfilment and happiness in life by following

**God's will** and not my own. My inner desire was pulling me towards studies and a career in music, whilst in the back of my mind was a voice calling me to **ministry in the Church**. For a while I presumed that

only the latter was **coming from God**. But when I was 15, a

wise uncle of mine in Ireland suggested to me that maybe **God was**

**calling me** to use my musical talents in the service of his Church. That was the key moment that led me towards discovering a vocation to

the **teaching** congregation of **Brothers** that ran my school.

I've been **incredibly lucky** to have had (and still have) many wonderful mentors who have **helped me to discover** and follow

**God's will** for me. I can honestly say that I can't imagine a life for myself that would bring me as much **happiness and fulfilment** as my life serving young people and my

**confrères** as a De La Mennais Brother.

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