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I want to be one of them! thought a little two year toddler
as he saw **a priest during Mass**, not knowing
what one of them was.

God had dropped **a seed of wonder** into me at a young age.

As **this seed grew** it was nurtured by friends, family, priests,
prayer and church involvement; nothing too serious as my real love at
this time was rugby which I played until I was 30.

I've never really enjoyed weeding

so I was surrounded by many distractions in life but **that sense of
wonderment in God's Presence** in me and in the
world kept blossoming all the more powerfully as I grew,

so at the age of 25 I entered seminary: **to give God His
opportunity to do His best with me.**

Christ's enfolding of me, His Priest, and His
constant loving of me ever deeper into His beauty, love,
healing and joy have allowed me to both fail and blossom as a

priest, and **His constant calling** has never failed to move me
to places new in my life and in His Kingdom, into freedom and service.