

Fr. William (Willy) AQUIJE-MATTA, A.A., was ordained on September 11, 2011. He is currently living with the Assumptionist community which serves the neediest and is located on a string of barges in the Seine River near Paris. Here he is "in his own words."

When I was 6 years old, I used to be an altar boy always ready to open the doors of the church. Already at that young age·I had a desire to become a priest. But such a desire needed to be concretized.



In my native Peru, in Canada, in Kenya, and now here in France, God allowed me to experience some beautiful things but also some real trials, before·I would say yes to his call.

Today, my God, I am ready. Today I am ready to share your Word with the nations and to tell them that You are present among them. I am ready to share your bread with those who hunger. And, above all, I am ready to celebrate Eucharist and give thanks for the gift You offer to each one of us.



