

**Please fill in an answer to each question. Keep your answers fairly brief, ideally 2/3 sentences maximum. Please write answers directly into this file where indicated.**

**Your name, your age and your home village, town or city (where you grew up):**

**Answer:** Victor Sohail. I was born in a village called Ugoki in the district of Sialkot, Pakistan. I grew up in a city called Hyderabad in Sindh province Pakistan.

**The church in Blackburn Diocese where you are serving:**

**Answer:** St John with St Philip Great Marsden Nelson.

**Tell us about your family:**

**Answer:** I am married and God has blessed me with three children. All three children are in full time education.

**Former job before entering ministry?:**

**Answer:** I am a Self-Supporting Minister (SSM) and I am still working for a home caring company.

**Why did you decide to get ordained?:**

**Answer:** I got ordained because I believe that God called me.

**What's been the best thing about your training?:**

**Answer:** Last 11 months are the best part of my learning or training as I think practically doing ministry is fantastic, loving it.

**What's the most important thing you have learned so far?:**

**Answer:** The importance of building relationships and trust with others is a very important part of ministry.

**Can you name the most influential person in your Christian life to date and, briefly, say why?**

**Answer:** My grandparents and my parents' Christian faith was very influential for me. My grandparents were poor and uneducated people, but still their faith in Jesus was very strong. They helped my parents to educate and grow in Christian environment in Christian boarding schools. My parent's Christian environment schooling helped us to grow in our faith, and especially brought me to the point of Ordained ministry.

**What is your hope for your future role?:**

**Answer:** My hope for the future ministry is, that wherever God is going to keep me, God use me wisely for His glory.

**Name one thing about you people would be surprised about?:**

**Answer:** I think my growth in my ministry is big surprise for the people in this community.

**What would you say was your most significant personal achievement to date?**

**Answer:** Without any doubt my ordination is my most significant achievement to date.

**Favourite quote (from the Bible or elsewhere). Also state briefly why it is your favourite:**

**Answer:** All Psalms are very close to my heart. But this verse of Psalm 46 helps me, encourages and motivates me to get through the difficult times of my life: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble!" (**Psalm 46:1**)

**Unfulfilled ambition?:**

**Answer:** Academic growth.

**How do you personally hope to support the ongoing Diocesan Vision 2026 Healthy Churches Transforming Communities at parish level?**

**Answer:** The Church I am doing my curacy is fully supportive to Diocesan Vision 2026, and run lot of discipleship courses to help in growth of disciples. I actively take part in the most of these courses in planning and teaching.

**How would you express your own vision for the church?:**

**Answer:** My vision is to help make disciple for Jesus, and help those disciples to grow up to the standard, where they can help in making more disciples.

**How do you relax?:**

**Answer:** Listening and playing South Asian music helps me to relax.