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## Odyssey of a Rock & Roll Priest

By Monsignor Harry G. Schlitt

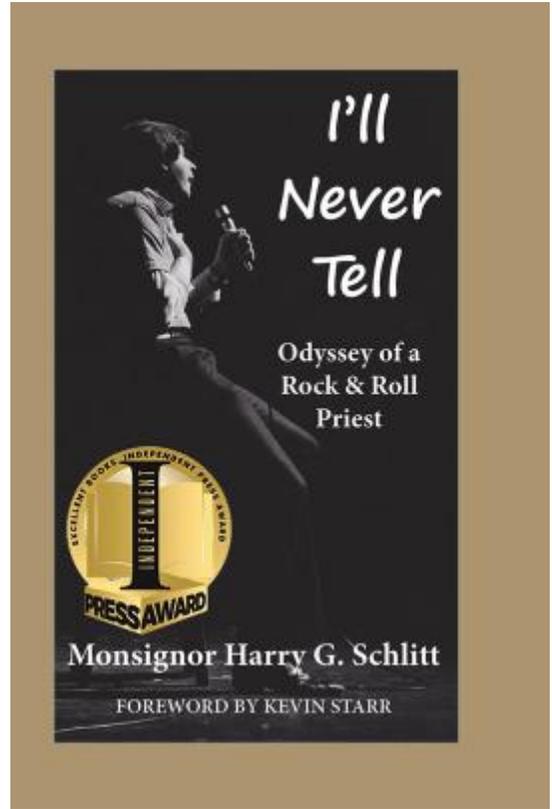
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### About the Author

Broadcaster and priest for fifty years, Father Harry has been telling stories most of his life. Precocious as a child, Harry George Schlitt was the youngest in a blue collar German Catholic family, raised in southern Missouri along the Mississippi River. A natural athlete, thespian and all around good guy, he lacked academic prowess. In a remarkable twist of fate, he found himself transported from rural America on a full scholarship to study in Rome, where he was ordained a priest in 1964. Short on theology but long on charisma, he began a ministry that moved from the high school classroom, to the pulpit, to the airwaves. Launching his God Squad persona in 1968 on a rock and roll radio station, he was a pioneer in the media ministry frontier opened by Vatican II. At its apex, *Father Harry and the God Squad* reached a global audience of sixty million people.

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