

You'll want to hear about my father before anything else. To whatever extent you think you understand the word "father," I guarantee that he exceeds those expectations. You undoubtedly first think of the familial role, and I won't bore you explaining that—he is my father, and an excellent one at that. Of course, another connotation of the word refers to the church. Yes, that too—my father is quite a religious man. He knows things that others may never see in their lifetime, and in all my life, I've only gotten a glimpse. Perhaps you think of a founding father. Perhaps you think you have me beaten. I'll have to let you know that my father takes on this role, too. Sorry to disappoint you, but Father never disappoints. A fourth and more loose role that need not be questioned is the "father figure." This is Father's biggest responsibility, his greatest pleasure...

There's no word that can describe him better than "father," but the word doesn't do him justice. "Father" will have to suffice.