

Service isn't always convenient, but as a father and a bishop, Ilir Dodaj has tried to show his children that it is always worth it.

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Ilir Dodaj

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An older sister in the ward had a tumor in her stomach and needed help every day because she could not move from her bed. Finally, she asked if just I would come, not another priesthood holder or any other person, because she was very sick and was going to die. She felt comfortable having her bishop help her.

One day I had an operation on my heart, and I was unable to visit her for a short time. When I went back to see her, she said, "Bishop, how can you come help me if you've just had an operation?"

I told her, "My calling is to serve others."

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