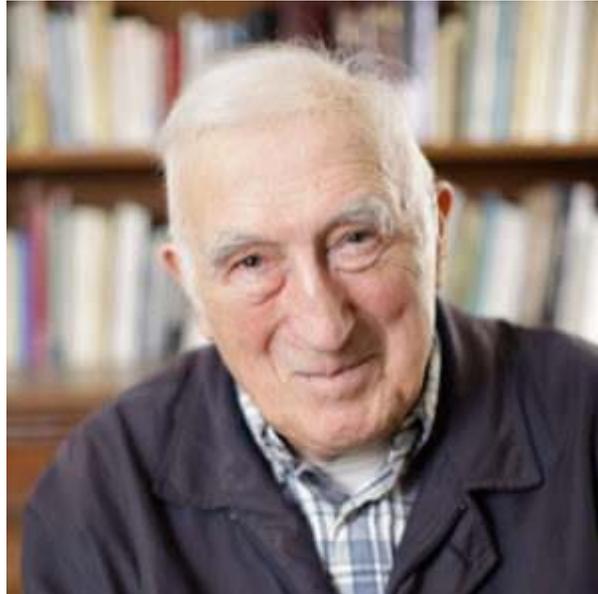


Jean Vanier is in the Light of God

Dear friends, today May 7th we are deeply saddened to share with you that Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and co-founder of Faith and Light, passed away at 2.10am in Paris surrounded by those closest to him.



Jean had a life of immense fruitfulness. He has marked the history of L'Arche and Faith and Light, as well as the personal history of so many of us. We want to give thanks for all this. Jean sent us out on a mission, we will do our best to meet his deep desire that the good news may be announced to the poor.

It was in his community of Trosly that Jean wanted the funeral ceremony to take place.

This ceremony will be held in the privacy of his community, his family and some representatives of the Federation of L'Arche and Faith and Light. All will receive a personal invitation.

For each of you to be able to participate with his heart and prayers, the celebration will be recorded and broadcasted live.

You will also find more details about the events on the website JeanVanier.larche.org where you can share a message or a testimony.

In communion with each one of you, in sorrow and hope that Jean already rest in the arms of the Lord and "in the joyful company of his poor".

Marie-Hélène Mathieu, Co-founder of Faith and Light
Hoda Elturk, President of the Board of Directors of Faith and Light
Raul Izquierdo Garcia, International Coordinator of Faith and Light
Corinne Chatain, General Secretary of Faith and Light

Letter from Stephan Posner and Stacy Cates-Carney, L'Arche International Leaders

Dear friends,

Following the announcement of Jean Vanier's passing that you have received, we want to inform you that, according to his will, Jean's funeral will be held at Trosly-Breuil on Thursday 16 May at 2.00 pm.

There are many who would wish to attend this ceremony. Following Jean's desire to have an intimate celebration and due to logistical complexity and size of the venue, we have had to limit the number of attendees, and only those who have received a private invitation will be able to attend this ceremony.

However, in order to allow each of you to participate, the celebration will be broadcast live on the French TV channel KTO (www.ktotv.com) ; an English translation will be available on that same channel.

We thank you for your understanding.

Please refer to the website www.JeanVanier.larche.org for further information as events develop.

In union with each and every one of you,

Stephan Posner and Stacy Cates-Carney,
L'Arche International Leaders