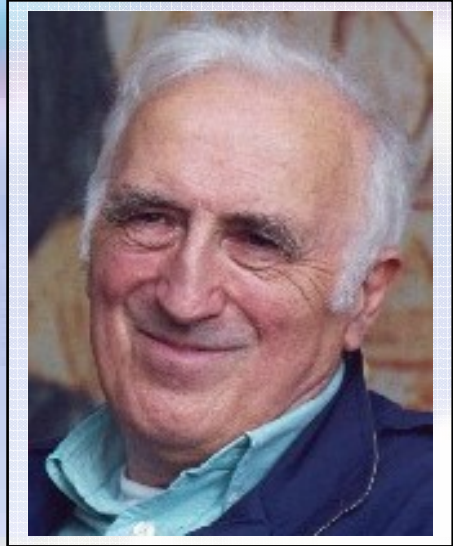


Jean Vanier-Founder of L'Arche

Life of Vanier

Jean Vanier is a man, who followed his calling to God, diverted his naval career to a vocation of building communities for the developmentally disabled. His first L'Arche (from the French word meaning "Noah's Ark"), was built in Trosly-Breuil, France. He managed to form a network of support, gathering family and friends in prayer and celebration, uniting those suffering from developmental or intellectual disabilities and assimilating them into society. He has also founded **Intercordia** which allows university students to work among the poor and marginalized communities in developing nations.



Jean Vanier's Spiritual Leadership

He has been referred to as a "Nation Builder", (Globe and Mail), and that is exactly what he is. Living his life by teaching the world around him how to include those who are disabled, is how he builds unity and love in supportive communities. He lives through the teachings of God:

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." — 1 Samuel 16:7

He has provided much inspiration and guidance on how to reach out to the less fortunate, and he has given us the strength to live by his example.

Words of Wisdom by Vanier

"Those we lock away and think worthless, have the power to teach and even heal us."

"...to be human is to be bonded together, each with our own weaknesses and strengths, because we need each other..."

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