You are reckless and you are

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By Patrick Atohoun, Chair of Emmaus International

he year 2017 will mark 10 years since the passing

waged. Perhaps more than anything else, to rediscover

of Abbé Pierre. It was in order to keep his memory

Emmaus FIS (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**PEACE** 



Emmaus Benebnooma (Burkina Faso)

to realise just how relevant these struggles remain.

These are not the struggles of the past. Through their

the Jesolo World Assembly decided to launch a memory Abbé Pierre's baton in the struggles he began. We must which a single system imposes upon every region in

strategy designed around the struggles our founder revisit these struggles within each and every Emmaus which the movement is present. Indeed, this is the

Abbé Pierre's archives is to take ownership of his the property of the Emmaus movement alone. It is our in November 2016 and whose success depends upon

struggles for peace, justice, solidarity and dignity, and responsibility to carry them across our movement's each and every one of you.

alive and raise the profile of Emmaus' work that work, Emmaus groups all over the world are taking up answer or an alternative to the poverty and inequality

**DISTICE** 

proved that this belief is justified".

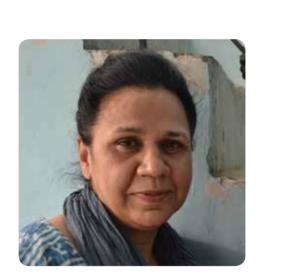


group across the globe, since they must not remain very purpose of the strategy which will be launched

Tania Schubert Emmaus Igualdade (Brazil)

**SOLIDARITY** 

These initiatives are a way of building peace". the country's transition to democracy in 2015 and the first companions began to assemble and the way a person is perceived by others". 'consumers' together". all those years ago".



Moon Sharma Emmaus TARA Projects (India)

**DIGNITY** 

borders and bring them to a wider audience. We must

prove by example that Emmaus' work can provide an

"Help he whose suffering is greater than your "Justice and democracy were at the very heart "Throughouthis life and through his struggles, "From the very beginning, Abbé Pierre "Abbé Pierre was always a fervent advocate" own" is a principle which enables us to return of Abbé Pierre's tirades. He had understood Abbé Pierre was the very embodiment of focused his work on allowing those excluded of an economy which served humankind. meaning to the lives of those most excluded that these were the very cornerstones of solidarity. Emmaus is a movement based on from society to restore their confidence and At Emmaus, we give men a second life and from society whilst fostering social cohesion. peaceful coexistence, and that justice and solidarity and working for a more human self-esteem, and turn the right to dignity objects a second chance. With the launch of This bedrock of the Emmaus movement is thus solidarity went hand in hand. In Burkina Faso, world in which fraternity reigns supreme. into a political struggle. He was not afraid to the first online solidarity boutique, Label a powerful first step towards peace. Given the many young people do not have the basics. In America, our group recently took part in challenge leaders when he saw that human. Emmaüs, we hope to prove that Emmaus tragedies currently unfolding, we must work to they need to survive. The Emmaus groups an urban waste recycling project, funded rights were being violated, and he believed values can adapt to the e-commerce world. take this ideal beyond our communities, and to in the country strive to foster justice both by the solidarity initiatives of Emmaus that every man and every woman should Established as a cooperative company, Label bring it alive across the globe. Emmaus FIS was through solidarity initiatives and by working groups. Another Emmaus group trained us enjoy his or her fundamental rights: food, Emmaus will employ those making the created to assist refugees and displaced persons in partnership with civil society to call the in recycling and environmental protection. water, health, work, assistance in a foreign transition from companion to Emmaus staff following the conflict which our country's politicians to action. We believe that These projects have enabled us to improve land and the freedom of movement. Our member, train companions in the use of endured. Today, we continue to meet the basic working in politics does not mean bullying our working conditions and release funds for group espouses and fights to promote this digital technology, and re-invest its profits needs of the most vulnerable. The peace march your opponent into submission, but rather further initiatives. Continuing our work will philosophy. We believe that poverty is not in solidarity projects. Through this economic and the workshops which we organise every fighting to defend his most fundamental allow us to take up our rightful place as a link simply a question of money, but also one of and solidarity initiative, we wish to walk year bring together people from all over Europe. right. Civil society's commitment to ensuring in the chain of solidarity which Abbé Pierre access to rights, social inclusion, self-esteem in Abbé Pierre's footsteps and bring many



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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ABBE PIERRE

Maud Sarda Label Emmaüs (France)

SHARING



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Chair of Emmaus International from 1999 to 2007, Renzo Fior worked alongside Abbé Pierre for many years, and witnessed his final struggles first-hand.

Let's walk in the footsteps of Abbé Pierre!

→ Abbé Pierre in the theatre

A website will soon be made available to you to allow you to

run-up to the 10-year anniversary of Abbé Pierre's death!

the modernity of Abbé Pierre's message and struggles.

(re)discover the wealth and relevance of Abbé Pierre's struggles.

You will also be invited to share an initiative from your group which

follows in his footsteps. Let's make today's struggles visible in the

«The Voice of the Voiceless», a play dedicated to Abbé Pierre's life

and struggles, has had great success in Paris. Using this art form

Nicolas Vitiello, the writer and an actor in this play, has displayed

Iow do you remember Abbé Pierre? What really left its mark on me were his simplicity and his ability to connect with everyone he met. He saw things through until the very end. When someone presented him with a problem, he wouldn't dismiss it with a diplomatic response, but instead would search for real solutions. He was also very humble, nquisitive and eager to learn, and wasn't afraid to seek advice. Towards the end of his life he was less involved; he wanted the movement to find its place without him.

Iow did he view the fight against poverty? Abbé Pierre had understood that poverty throughout the world was not an he were still alive today, I think he would fight to promote inevitable phenomenon, but rather the result of structures interfaith dialogue, because he never would have accepted and political choices. He liked to find answers, but above all, the killing of human beings in God's name. he sought to understand the causes of poverty, and to tackle them. This link between action on the ground and political What responsibilities must the movement now shoulders campaigning is crucial in understanding Abbé Pierre. Having Times may have changed, but Abbé Pierre's struggles remain lived through the war, he also knew that the fight against poverty was an international issue, and that eradicating the struggles, broaden their scope and raise their profile. We scourge depended upon achieving global peace.

What were his final struggles? In the first decade of the are properly shouldered – Abbé Pierre fought to do just that new millenium, he wrote a letter to George W. Bush upon his entire life. Emmaus cannot simply stand aside and watch the invasion of Iraq. He did so as he was acutely aware that what happens; it must find solutions.

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this was a war waged against the people. During my time as Chair, he also supported immigrants who were squatting in houses by spending a night with them in their dwellings. If

relevant. Emmaus has a responsibility to continue these must also continue our efforts to raise awareness of poverty and ensure that responsibilities for combatting the scourge