

PACEM IN TERRIS
PEACE
AND FREEDOM
AWARD

Sunday, August 25, 2013



DAVENPORT, IOWA



Jean Vanier

A philosopher, writer, and religious and moral leader, Jean Vanier, PhD, is best known as the founder of L'Arche, an international, faith-based federation of communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together.

In 1963, Vanier left an academic career and his homeland in Canada to join Father Thomas Philippe, chaplain of a small institution for men with developmental disabilities in Trosly-Breuil, France. Influenced by what he saw there and in a psychiatric hospital near Paris, Vanier decided to purchase a small house and create a shared community with two men with intellectual disabilities, Raphaël Simi and Philippe Seux. Vanier named their home L'Arche (French for The Ark) and founded it on the principles of inclusion, respect and mutual, caring relationships. Since that time, 150 L'Arche communities have been established in 40 countries and across five continents.

Vanier also co-founded Faith and Light, an organization that brings together children or adults with intellectual disabilities (and their family members) for monthly meetings, recreation, prayer and fellowship. Faith and Light communities exist in 80 countries and presently number more than 1,500.

Because of his social and spiritual leadership in founding and nurturing L'Arche, and as a deeply radical advocate for the poor and the weak in our society, Jean Vanier has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award.

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PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Christopher Clow

WELCOME

Rev. Charles Adam, DMin
Chaplain, St. Ambrose University

OPENING PRAYER

Brigitte Hoppe
The Arch / L'Arche Core Member

HISTORY OF AWARD

Msgr. Marvin Mottet

LITANY HONORING PAST RECIPIENTS

Molly Gabaldo Tony Raya
Christine Mattern Kristin Upah
St. Ambrose University students

INTRODUCTION TO L'ARCHE

Joan Mahler
National Director, L'Arche USA

VIDEO OF AWARD PRESENTATION IN FRANCE

AWARD PRESENTATION TO L'ARCHE

Most Rev. Martin Amos, DD
Bishop, Diocese of Davenport

VOCAL MUSIC

The Arch / L'Arche Core Members

CLOSING PRAYER

Deacon Jeff Schuetzle
Annette Lyons

*Please join us for a public reception
immediately after the ceremony.*

2013 PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

is presented to

L'Arche

Celebrating the Life Ministry of Jean Vanier

by Bishop Martin Amos
on behalf of the
Quad City Pacem in Terris Coalition

Your social and spiritual leadership in founding and nurturing L'Arche communities in Iowa and throughout the world teaches us the value of sharing and acceptance.

You strive to build caring relationships and foster the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities so that they have a sense of belonging in the world in which we all live.

You have said that “to be human is to be bonded together, each with our own weaknesses and strengths, because we need each other.”

Your ministry embodies the words of Pope John XXIII in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* as a “spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying leaven” to your sisters and brothers around the world.

Given on this seventh day of July 2013 in
Trosly-Breuil, France.

The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award was created in 1964 by the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council. Since 1978, the award has been presented by the Quad City Pacem in Terris Coalition. The award honors Pope John XXIII and commemorates his 1963 encyclical letter, *Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth)*, which called on all people to secure peace among all nations.

THE 2013 PACEM IN TERRIS PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTORS

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St. Ambrose University
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Pax Christi Quad Cities
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Sisters of St. Francis, Dubuque, Iowa

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John F. Kennedy awakened in us a hope that no problem was too great to conquer—race relations, violence or poverty—when citizens work together. (1964, posthumous presentation)

John Howard Griffin's powerful book, *Black Like Me*, showed us how we are too often judged not by the content of our character but by the color of our skin. (1964)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged us to dream of a world transformed through nonviolent civil rights activism. (1965)

R. Sargent Shriver, first director of the Peace Corps, taught us that one person can indeed make a difference. (1966)

A. Philip Randolph's efforts to organize railway employees convinced us that the dignity of work must be rewarded with a just wage. (1967)

Reverend James Groppi awoke people to the injustice of unfair housing and racial prejudice in Milwaukee. (1968)

Saul Alinsky taught people how to organize and to act together in promoting justice in society. (1969)

Dorothy Day founded the Catholic Worker Movement and reminded us to look for Christ in the faces of the poor. (1972)

Harold Hughes brought the message of the Gospel to the cause of equal education, civil rights and opposition to capital punishment. (1974)

Dom Hélder Câmara, gentle shepherd of the poor of northwestern Brazil, embraced the impoverished and gave sharp prophecy to the wealthy. (1975)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta gave hope to the desperate and offered light to those living in abject poverty. (1976)

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton challenged church leadership to embrace nonviolence instead of the just war theory. (1979)

Crystal Lee Sutton organized labor in the South and reminded us that equal work demands equal pay. (1980)

Bishop Ernest Unterkoefler advocated for the rights of workers and helped to buoy the labor movement among the poor in Appalachia. (1980)

George Kennan, statesman and diplomat, realized that the only hope for solving the world's problems lies in abandoning violence. (1982)

Helen M. Caldicott, Australian physician and peace advocate, spoke on behalf of the world's children in the face of possible nuclear holocaust. (1983)

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin through his notion of the “consistent ethic of life” and the “seamless garment” taught us that all life is God-given and therefore precious. (1985)

Bishop Maurice Dingman through his love for the land worked for peace and justice and reminded all of us of our roots in the soil. (1986)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has helped free South Africa from the yoke of apartheid, teaching the entire world that racial injustice is sacrilege. (1987)

Eileen Egan through her work with Pax Christi and Catholic Relief Services addressed the world's problems through missionary zeal and creative nonviolence. (1989)

Mairead Corrigan Maguire, peace advocate in Ireland, has become a global force against violence in the name of religion. (1990)

María Julia Hernández directed the Human Rights Committee and spoke for the victims of the long civil war in El Salvador. (1991)

Cesar Chávez led the United Farm Workers to become a passionate voice for workers who have long been disenfranchised. (1992)

Daniel Berrigan, SJ, American poet, peace activist and Catholic priest, has offered powerful witness on behalf of peace and justice. (1993)

Jim Wallis, founder of the Sojourners Christian Community, has brought people of faith to espouse radical social engagement. (1995)

Bishop Samuel Ruiz has lent great courage to his fight against violence and injustice inflicted against the poor and oppressed of Chiapas, Mexico. (1996)

Jim and Shelley Douglass—the only married couple to receive the award—have been steadfast in their efforts to build a world of peace based on justice. (1997)

Helen Prejean, CSJ, through her loving presence on death row has fostered reconciliation and spiritual healing. (1998)

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel has inspired the world with his Gospel-rooted work on behalf of Argentina’s “disappeared ones.” (1999)

Monsignor George Higgins wove together communities of faith and organized labor to support economic justice. (2000)

Lech Walesa, defender of the rights of workers in the face of Communist repression in Poland, has become a global leader for freedom and democracy. (2001)

Dorothy Marie and Gwen Hennessey, OSF, sibling sisters and Dubuque Franciscans, have devoted their lives and ministry to local activism on global issues of peace and justice. (2002)

Arthur Simon, founder of Bread for the World, has shown how one person can make a difference alleviating world hunger. (2004)

Don Mosley of Jubilee Partners has served others by offering hospitality to refugees, housing for the homeless and mediation to situations of war. (2005)

Bishop Salim Ghazal has worked with Muslims and Christians to promote reconciliation, peace and hope for young people and others displaced by Lebanon’s civil war. (2007)

Monsignor Marvin Mottet has devoted his life to walking the two feet of social action: direct service and social justice. (2008)

Hildegard Goss-Mayr is one of the world’s leading experts on nonviolence, a teacher, visionary and pioneer who helped forge a new path toward peace on earth for all humanity. (2009)

Reverend John Dear, SJ, a Jesuit priest, has delivered the message of the nonviolent Jesus in word and deed in confronting nuclear arms manufacturing and use. (2010)

Bishop Álvaro Leonel Ramazzini has drawn the world’s attention to the exploitation of natural resources by multinational companies adversely affecting the poor and indigenous people of Guatemala. (2011)

Kim Bobo, executive director and founder of Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ), has educated a nation about the prevalence of wage theft and injustice that disproportionately affects the poor amongst us. (2012)

