



Entering Into Silent Prayer

with Jean Vanier & Laurence Freeman OSB

Wednesday 22 - Sunday 26 May 2013

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Silence can be a silence of anguish; then it becomes a cry. The cry that comes from anguish can bring an encounter, and from this encounter silence and inner celebration can arise.





Jean Vanier was born in Switzerland in 1928. He joined the British Royal Navy in 1942, to be a naval officer. He left the Navy in 1950, and came to France to study philosophy and theology. He taught Philosophy in Toronto University.

He began l'Arche in 1964, inviting two men, from an institution for mentally handicapped people, to live with him in a small house in Trosly-Breuil. L'Arche has grown up to 150 communities, in 40 countries. With Marie-Hélène Mathieu, Jean started Faith and Light in 1971. Today there are 50000 small Faith and Light communities that meet regularly: people with disabilities, parents and friends.

Jean is deeply an advocate for interreligious and ecumenical meetings through l'Arche and other organizations. Since 2004, Jean carries no more responsibilities in l'Arche and Faith and Light. He gives retreats and formation sessions at the Ferme, the spiritual center of l'Arche.

Laurence Freeman OSB is a Benedictine monk and the spiritual guide and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation a contemporary, contemplative community. Before entering monastic life Laurence Freeman had experience with the United Nations, in banking and journalism. He travels widely as an international speaker and retreat leader. He is the author of many articles and books including, *The Selfless Self*, *Jesus: The Teacher Within* and *First Sight: The Experience of Faith*. Fr. Freeman has conducted dialogues and peace initiatives such as the historic "Way of Peace" with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and is active in inter-religious dialogue with leaders of other faiths. He encourages the teaching of Christian meditation to children and students and the recovery of the contemplative wisdom in the Church and society at large.

Schedule

Wednesday 22 May

15 :00 – 16 :00	registration and welcome
16 :30 – 17 :30	introduction - <i>Chapel</i>
17 :30	personal time
18 :30	evening prayer and meditation - <i>Pianissimo</i>
19 :15	dinner
20 :30	contemplative Eucharist (beginning of silence) - <i>Pianissimo</i>

12 :30

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20 :30

lunch

talk (Jean Vanier) - *Chapel*

coffee & tea break

small groups discussion

personal time

evening prayer and meditation - *Pianissimo*

dinner

contemplatives Eucharist - *Pianissimo*

From Thursday 23 May until Saturday 25 May

6 :30 – 7 :00	meditation (facultative) - <i>Pianissimo</i>
7 :15 – 7 :45	morning prayer and méditation - <i>Pianissimo</i>
7 :45	breakfast
9 :00 – 10 :30	talk (Fr. Laurence) – <i>Chapel</i>
10 :30 – 11 :00	break
11 :00 – 11 :30	personal time
11 :45	midday prayer and meditation - <i>Pianissimo</i>

Sunday 26 May

6 :30 – 7 :45	contemplative Eucharist with meditation - <i>Pianissimo</i>
7 :45	breakfast
9 :30 – 10 :30	questions and answers (<i>end of silence</i>) – <i>Chapel</i>
10 :30 – 11 :15	conclusion
11 :15 – 11 :45	break
11 :45	midday prayer and meditation - <i>Pianissimo</i>
12 :30	lunch

Accommodation :

Bring your own sheet and towels.

You can also rent them for the cost of € 6.00

Cost

€ 300.- per person

Deposit € 100

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**How to get there :****By road**

From Paris, take the A1 motorway towards Lille, exit at South Compiègne (Compiègne-Sud), take the direction Soissons-Reims.

Trosly-Breuil is located on the Route Nationale 31 (RN 31), 10 kilometres from Compiègne.

After the sign indicating that you have entered "Trosly-Breuil", please, take the third street on the right.

By train

Trains go from the train station Paris Nord directly to Compiègne (no changes).

<http://www.trains-horaires.com/gares/compiegne>

It is an approximately 50 minutes ride.

Ask La Ferme for details of bus services between Compiègne and Trosly-Breuil.

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