A Silent Retreat led by

JEAN VANIER AND LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB

Entering into Silent Prayer

Wednesday 3 June – Sunday 7 June 2015
Trosly-Breuil, France
Jean Vanier was born in Switzerland in 1928. He joined the British Royal Navy in 1942 and left 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. Now L'Arche up to 150 communities in 40 countries. With Marie-Hélène Mathieu, Jean started Faith and Light in 1971. Today there are 50,000 small Faith and Light communities that meet regularly: people with disabilities, parents and friends. Since 2004, Jean carries no more responsibilities in l'Arche and Faith and Light. Jean is an advocate for interreligious and ecumenical meetings through l'Arche and other organizations. 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 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, Jesus: The Teacher Within, First Sight: The Experience of Faith and Beauty’s Field. He 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.
PRACTICAL DETAILS

Venue
The Retreat will be held at La Ferme Trosly, 23 Rue D’Orleans
60350 Trosly-Breuil – France  T: +33 44 85 34 70   E: accueil@lafermedetrosly.com
Please bring your own sheet and towels. You can also rent them for € 6.00.

Cost
€300 per person. Full payment must be made by 30 April 2015 to secure your booking.

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Payment
By bank transfer to our Euro Account:
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Directions
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”, 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 approximately a 50 minute ride.
Ask La Ferme for details of bus services between Compiègne and Trosly-Breuil.