You can’t explain Emmaus, you have to experience it”, which is true. But does that mean we should give up trying to find out what we are exactly?

Abbé Pierre never stopped questioning his own decisions and the work of his movement. “What about the others?” he used to ask. “How do you answer them tomorrow: do we still serve the same cause? Is this still the same programme? What are you going to do for the poorest people?”. I think that campaigning starts at the grassroots level: each Emmaus group should use every opportunity it can to lobby its local politicians. At the regional level, we could organise petitioning on the causes of these situations. Following in the footsteps of Abbé Pierre, Emmaus combats this trend by restoring dignity, making use of human resources. It prioritises those left behind. It offers them a chance to live in leaves ever more people behind. There is so much suffering in the world: it accepts everyone, regardless of their religion or race. It doesn’t offer charity, it restores dignity, making use of human resources. It gives people back the lives they have been denied. And by making these things useful again, Emmaus proves that it’s possible, fulfilling and beneficial to act and live together in solidarity. Giving, redistributing resources at the local level and sharing at the national and international levels are the basic challenges faced by Emmaus. The system produces so many things which are thrown away. And by making these things useful again, Emmaus proves that it’s possible, fulfilling and beneficial to act and live together in solidarity. Giving, redistributing resources at the local level and sharing at the national and international levels are the basic challenges faced by Emmaus. The environment with its climate crisis will have a huge impact on our operations. One of the biggest challenges faced by Emmaus will be the environmental one. The documents on our values, also available on the intranet under “2016 World Assembly”, “Reports” and “Meeting”, are the most important for understanding the movement. They summarise the reflections that have been put in place by the movement and theEmmaus communities. The more we are aware of the challenges facing us, the more we can take action to overcome them. The system produces so many things which are thrown away. And by making these things useful again, Emmaus proves that it’s possible, fulfilling and beneficial to act and live together in solidarity. Giving, redistributing resources at the local level and sharing at the national and international levels are the basic challenges faced by Emmaus. The environment with its climate crisis will have a huge impact on our operations. One of the biggest challenges faced by Emmaus will be the environmental one. The documents on our values, also available on the intranet under “2016 World Assembly”, “Reports” and “Meeting”, are the most important for understanding the movement. They summarise the reflections that have been put in place by the movement and the Emmaus communities. The more we are aware of the challenges facing us, the more we can take action to overcome them. The system produces so many things which are thrown away. And by making these things useful again, Emmaus proves that it’s possible, fulfilling and beneficial to act and live together in solidarity. Giving, redistributing resources at the local level and sharing at the national and international levels are the basic challenges faced by Emmaus. The environment with its climate crisis will have a huge impact on our operations. One of the biggest challenges faced by Emmaus will be the environmental one. The documents on our values, also available on the intranet under “2016 World Assembly”, “Reports” and “Meeting”, are the most important for understanding the movement. They summarise the reflections that have been put in place by the movement and the Emmaus communities. The more we are aware of the challenges facing us, the more we can take action to overcome them. The system produces so many things which are thrown away. And by making these things useful again, Emmaus proves that it’s possible, fulfilling and beneficial to act and live together in solidarity. Giving, redistributing resources at the local level and sharing at the national and international levels are the basic challenges faced by Emmaus. The environment with its climate crisis will have a huge impact on our operations.