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Abbé Pierre

Abbé Pierre would have celebrated his 100th birthday on 5th August 2012. This anniversary gives us a chance to value the legacy left by this extraordinary person who still influences thousands of people’s lives.

Over the years, he selflessly devoted himself to bettering the lives of others. He broke away from the traditional approach in creating social movements, a key element to creating and spreading a sense of solidarity and a way of giving back dignity, he turned charity into action. France was doubtless better known for having set up a unique, instructive Logement. Sometimes his struggles even led to laws being adopted.

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Abbé Pierre - Emmaus Centre opened its doors on 22nd January in Esteville. The centre serves as a place to commemorate the life and ideas of Abbé Pierre and as a place to live, a community for disabled and deprived people.

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