I’m fed up of those people who stick a photo of Abbé Pierre above their bed and when they wake in the morning they look at it and shed a tear, thinking that they’ve done something.

Abbé Pierre’s struggles were international. Our founder believed that solidarity should include the poorest, most excluded people from all across our planet, and thus, logically, he made Emmaus International his sole legatee. Ten years on from Abbé Pierre’s death, we must continue to abide by Emmaus’ values and the principles for action adopted at the World Assembly in Jerusalem. That is the true heritage of Abbé Pierre. His commitment and drive to help men and women get out of difficult situations was something that stood out and had an impact on people. This is why I feel it is important to raise children, young people in difficult situations and those who have struggled in the past.

I have always been a committed Christian activist convinced that development comes via solidarity and that peace can be achieved only through solidarity. I was strongly influenced by Abbé Pierre’s struggles for peace. I have been committed to the Movement since 1984 - today we have employees being re-integrated into the job market and we cover the entire Vosges region. As time went by, we understood that it was important to promote Abbé Pierre’s life, work and philosophy. We decided to create a museum dedicated to the life of Abbé Pierre in 2015.

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