

## "Keeping the spirit of the 1954 appeal alive today"



aunched sixty years ago in response to the suffering of the homeless, Abbé Pierro's appeal for help had a considerable impact that resonated far beyond

France. The intensity of this heartfelt cry at such anguish broke down indifference and sparked an incredible wave of solidarity. Five years after its birth, Emmaus, with its small beginnings, was turned on its head, and the impetus created is still being felt across the whole world today.

Keeping the spirit of the 1954 appeal alive and therefore continuing Abbé Pierre's work means, as he always used to remind us, allowing ourselves to be moved by the suffering of others, wanting to break down the wall of indifference and cowardliness, and never giving way to fatality and injustice. Together, let's make 2014 a year of combat! Remembering the appeal means taking action, right now!

Jean Rousseau

From the bottom of my heartthank you. Together, with all our strength, let's fight, to urgently come to the aid of those crushed by misfortune and eradicate the causes of their unjust suffering.