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The News

Abbé Pierre's Life



Henry Grouès known as L'Abbé Pierre, succumbed from a lung infection.

L'Abbé Pierre was born on 5th August 1912 in Lyon in a middle-class family. He had seven brothers and sisters, he was the fifth brother. He spent an ordinary childhood except from the age of 17 years old when God entered his life. At the age of 19 years old, he became a monk, and in 1932 when he was 20 years old he entered a cloister (a monastery in Crest) where he spent 7 years. On 24th August 1938, he was 26 years old and he was ordained a priest. In April 1939, he was 27 years old, L'Abbé Pierre became a vicar in Grenoble. After the Occupation, he was elected Deputy of Meurthe-et-Moselle. On 1st February 1954, he did a call from France when he discovered a dead baby and his mother, in January because of hypothermia. He realised that a flat was necessary for the homeless, at that time L'Abbé Pierre became the founder of Emmaus with 49 founders. L'Abbé Pierre wrote several books: Dieu merci (1995), Fraternité (1999), Testament (1994).

But L'Abbé Pierre left on 22nd January 2007 at 5.25 am in Val-De Grâce hospital (Paris).

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