



He has Risen! Truly he has Risen! Alleluia!

'In order to lead, we must know how to serve...' Jean Vanier

Jean Vanier visited a psychiatric hospital in a southern suburb of Paris. Living conditions there were very difficult. There he met Raphael and Philippe and was deeply touched by their distress. Jean recalled "Essentially, **they wanted a friend**. They were not very interested in my knowledge or my ability to do things, but rather they needed **my heart and my being**." Within a couple of years, L'Arche homes were born, and Jean Vanier sent out **the call for people of good will** to help him (http://www.jean-vanier.org/en/the_man/biography/short_biography).

This year as we celebrate our new theological theme, we answer Vanier's call of good will implanted into our hearts by God. We celebrate our board's vision, based on our Catholic faith tradition and Jean Vanier's example 'to accept, include and serve with love' **not only by word but by action**. As Jesus washed the feet of the disciples on Holy Thursday, our Catholic community looks to serve each other and our community through every club, sports team, and service project within our schools which we undertake throughout the school year.

Essentially, we all want friends, someone and somewhere to share our heart, our being and our ideas. Our board is a place where this can happen. Students and staff come together to plan school events, plan liturgies/masses and also become support in times of sorrow. Together we build community and celebrate the faith diversity our school communities all through the lens of our Catholic faith, living out Jean Vanier's way.

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