

INFORMATION ON THE REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMISSION ON JEAN VANIER AND FATHER THOMAS

L'Arche has asked experts to carry out a study on Jean Vanier and Father Thomas.



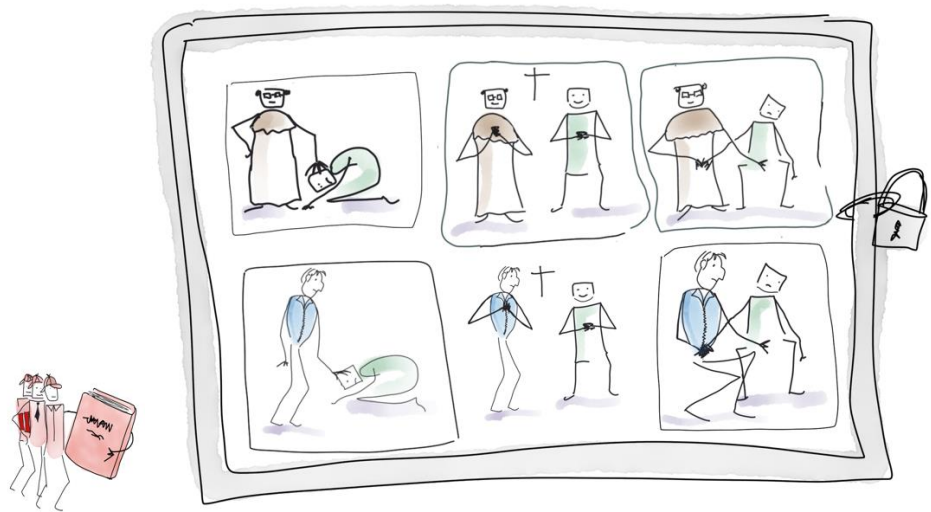
These experts are not part of L'Arche. They know how to study history, religion, society, psychology ...



They have written a long report on Jean Vanier and Father Thomas.



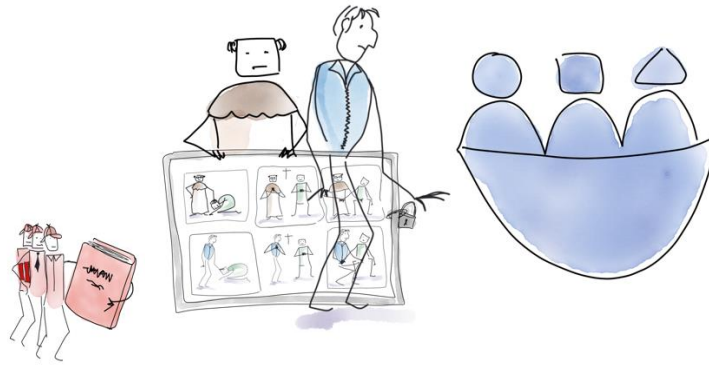
The report talks about Jean Vanier with Father Thomas:
 Before L'Arche, in a place called L'Eau Vive, in a small secret group, Father Thomas and Jean Vanier mixed up authority (abuse), spiritual guidance and sexual relationships.



The report talks about the beginnings of L'Arche:

Jean Vanier and Father Thomas had their little secret group in Trosly.

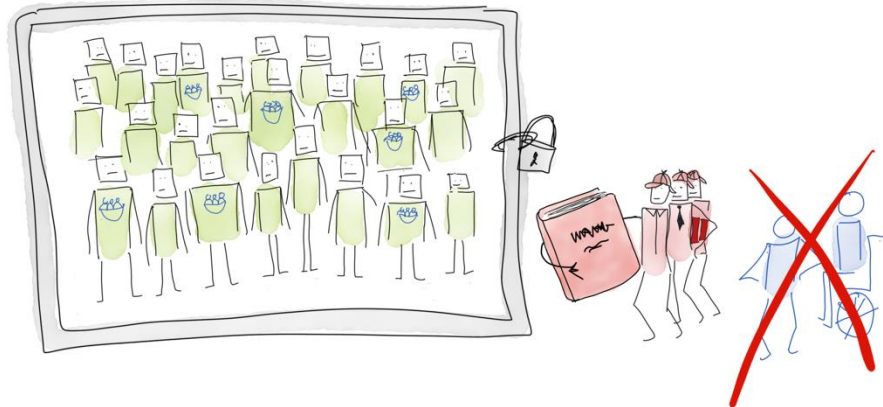
During the foundation of L'Arche the little group continued meeting in secret.



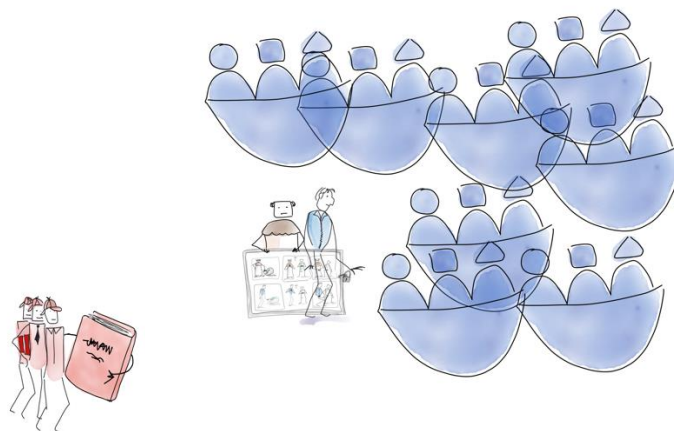
The report says that at L'Arche too Jean Vanier and Father Thomas caused some women to be involved in this mixture of authority, guidance and sex.

The women were not members with a disability (also called "core members").

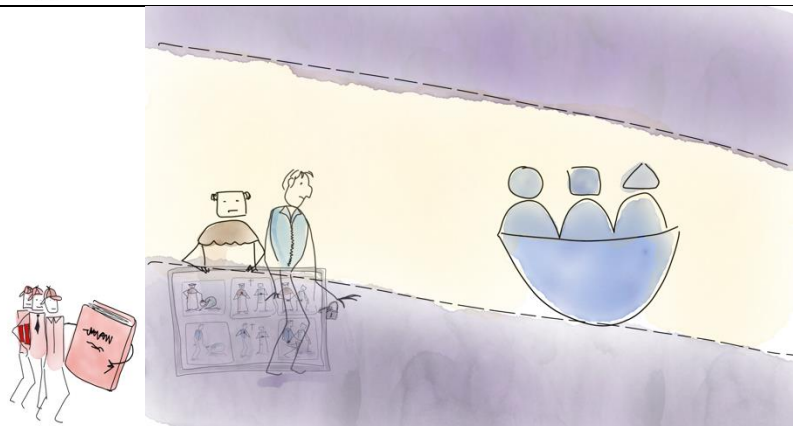
These relationships made some of them suffer a lot.



The report says that L'Arche has grown, becoming a good place to live in for core members and for assistants who didn't know what Jean Vanier and Father Thomas were doing in secret.



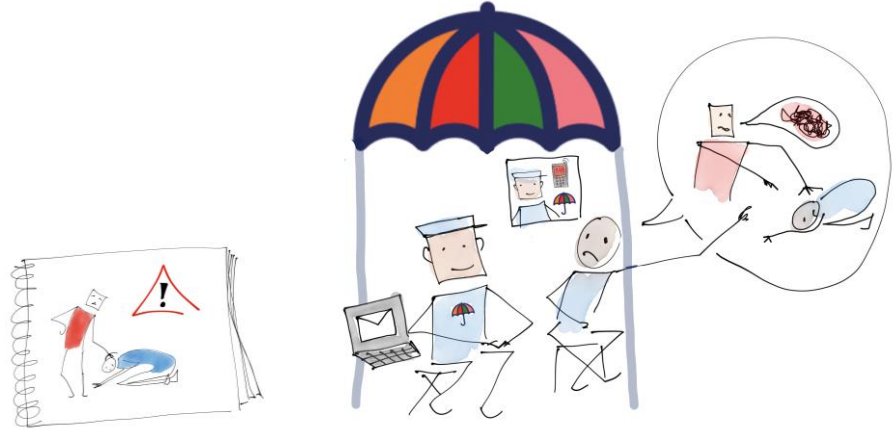
The report says that L'Arche was not able to stop the suffering caused by these secrets.



L'Arche admits to having been wrong and is asking for forgiveness.



For the last 3 years, L'Arche has been working hard to prevent abuse. This report is going to help L'Arche to think about what still needs to be done.



Because L'Arche is a shared life among people with and without disabilities, at the service of a more human society, with more justice and freedom.

