

# Celebration of Light

## The Spirit World of The Little Prince

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For 10 years the Families for Peace Association of Lyon has been inviting its Ambassadors of Peace and other local associations to an annual event to share about the spiritual significance of the Celebration of Light, a local Catholic tradition dating from 1643 when local leaders organized a candle-light march up to the cathedral, to ask for Mary's protection from the bubonic plague.

The event continues today but the internal signification has been forgotten. Jean-Paul Chaudy and the local Blessed Families try to use this event to remind their guests of the spiritual meaning of this celebration and to share basic points of Divine Principle. This year the goal was to share our vision of the spirit world while also honouring the French writer, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the author of The Little Prince, who went to spirit world 70 years ago. There were nine different speakers during the event including three of our members, a Protestant pastor, a Catholic priest and a representative of a Muslim association.

The theme of The Little Prince seemed to be a point which allowed the speakers to speak with more heart than they might normally express. And it also seemed to allow a greater opening to a discussion of spirit world, which French people can feel uncomfortable with. The 40 participants seemed quite open to this discussion of spirituality.

As Saint-Exupéry wrote in The Little Prince: "The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, they are felt with the heart."

