

# Respect life.



*“Human life is always a good. It is a manifestation of God in the world,  
a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory.”*

POPE JOHN PAUL II



## Professor Jerome Lejeune, Servant of God

13 June 1926 – 3 April 1994

### Geneticist, Doctor, Father

Born in 1926 in France, Jerome Lejeune discovered Trisomy 21, the genetic defect that causes Down's Syndrome. He was a famous scientist and doctor who used his talents at the service of life, always seeking to treat and to cure. His friend Pope John Paul II described him as one of the great men of the 20th Century.

*Jerome Lejeune, Servant of God, you placed your talents in service of life. Awaken in us a new reverence for every human life, so that we might become witnesses of love and hope in the world. Amen.*

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