



Dorothy Day. *Consistent.*

“The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us?”

Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1897, Dorothy Day was an American journalist, a powerful social activist and a devout Catholic. With fellow activist Peter Maurin, Day helped establish the Catholic Worker, a pacifist movement that continues to combine direct aid to the poor and homeless

with nonviolent direct action on their behalf.

Converting to Catholicism in 1927, Day immediately began to promote a compassionate social ethic that continues today in the Catholic Worker movement.

She was a signer of the Catholic Peace Fellowship's 1974 Statement on Abortion: "For many years we have urged upon our spiritual leaders the inter-relatedness of the life issues, war, capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia and economic exploitation. . .the sincerity of our words. . .will be measured by our readiness to recognize and deal with the underlying social problems which turn many people to these deadly alternatives."



She died on November 29, 1980, but her work continues. As of the year 2000, she's an official "Servant of God" in the Catholic Church, meaning a possible canonization is in process.

Catholic Worker outreaches continue to serve the poor and disadvantaged with the radical spirit of community and commitment that were hallmarks of this great activist. Dorothy Day embraced a consistent ethic of life—will you?

We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the death penalty, and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a 'consistent ethic of life.' We challenge those working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation, and respect in protecting the unprotected.



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