



Father Daniel Berrigan. *Consistent.*

"One is called to live nonviolently, even if the change one works for seems impossible."

Born in Virginia, Minnesota on May 9, 1921, Daniel Berrigan was a priest, a poet, a novelist, an activist. Along with his brother Philip, Berrigan was an outspoken opponent to American militarism, founding the national peace group, Clergy and Laity Concerned about Vietnam.

Ordained in 1952, Father Berrigan marched with his brother during the civil rights movement at Selma in 1965. Together they led numerous protests against the war in Vietnam, including the destruction of draft board files in 1968. For his various acts of civil disobedience, Father Berrigan spent more than six years of his life in prison.

Berrigan denounced what he called a "theory of allowable murder" in contemporary society, saying we should have no part in "abortion, war, paying taxes for war, or disposing of people on death row or warehousing the aged."

His Crux magazine obituary reads: "Through his activism and writing, Berrigan was abundantly clear that this consistency meant opposing the 'culture of death' universally on a range of issues as diverse as war, the death penalty, euthanasia, poverty, and abortion. Why? Precisely because he didn't consider those to be diverse issues at all. They all dealt with killing God's creatures."



Father Berrigan continued protesting military actions, was arrested in front of abortion clinics, worked on national anti-poverty projects, and expressed his faith with unrelenting optimism and determination. He fought for social justice as a priest for over 60 years.

Father Berrigan died on April 30, 2016. He always supported the Consistent Life Ethic. Will you join him?

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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