



### **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 worldwide *Catholic Worker* movement.

She embraced the poor, the cause of justice and the rejection of all violence—abortion, the death penalty and war.

“As for ourselves, yes, we must be meek, bear injustice, malice, rash judgment. We must turn the other cheek, give up our cloak, go a second mile.”



In 1971, Day was awarded the *Pacem in Terris* Award. She died on November 29, 1980, but her work continues, and she was proposed for sainthood in 1983.

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, capital punishment 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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