



Dorothy Day became quite famous for the work she was doing, helping the poor and challenging injustice. People began to suggest that she was a saint.

But she said:
“Don’t call me a saint...I don’t want to be dismissed that easily.”



Dorothy and those who followed her lived (and continue to live) very simply.

She said:

“Love of brother means voluntary poverty ... denying oneself. It also means non-participation in those comforts and luxuries which have been manufactured by the exploitation of others. While our brothers suffer, we must suffer with them. While our brothers suffer from lack of necessities, we will refuse to enjoy comforts.”



Catholic Worker
communities always do
both 'works of mercy' for the poor and
protest injustice. Charity is not enough.

Dorothy Day said:
**"I felt that charity was a word to
choke over. Who wanted charity?"**



Dorothy Day was proud to be a Catholic but did not always think the Church was as good as it should be.

She said:

“I loved the Church for Christ made visible. Not for itself, because it was so often a scandal to me.”



Dorothy thought that
faith must be lived out in action.

She said:

**“We are not going to win
the masses to Christianity
until we live it.”**



Members of Catholic Worker communities try to do work that makes a positive difference.

Dorothy said:

“If our jobs do not contribute to the common good then we pray for the grace to give them up.”



Catholic Worker communities
rely on donations.

Dorothy said:

**“What right has any one of us
to security when God’s poor are
suffering? What right have I to sleep
in a comfortable bed when so many
are sleeping in the shadow of buildings
here in the neighbourhood of the
Catholic Worker office?”**



Dorothy Day's life and work was built upon commitment to prayer. Before she started the Catholic Worker movement she went to pray.

She said:

"I offered up a special prayer, a prayer which came with tears and anguish, that some way would open up for me to use what talents I possessed for my fellow workers, for the poor."



Dorothy was committed to justice and peace and was arrested multiple times for protesting.

She said:

“What we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And to a certain extent, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of workers, of the poor, of the destitute ... we can to a certain extent change the world... we can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever-widening circle will reach around the world.”



Love is at the heart of
Dorothy Day's story.

She said:

**"You only love God as much
as you love the person you
love the least."**