

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."



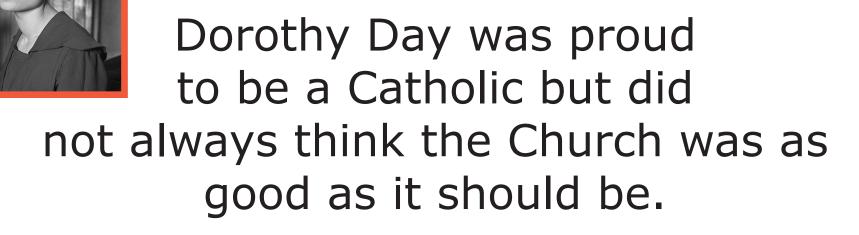
Dorothy and those who followed her lived (and continue to live) very simply.

## 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?"



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."