

## Dorothy Day

The theme of Advent this year is The Women of Advent. Each Sunday I will highlight the life of a woman saint.

Today is Dorothy Day.

Born in Brooklyn in 1897, she became a champion of the poor in New York City and beyond. She was a journalist and activist. Early in her life she was an agnostic and socialist. Her conversion to Christ came at the birth of her daughter Tamar. She started the Catholic Worker newspaper and founded the Catholic Worker movement. Her radical form of Christianity has been an inspiration for many.

The basis of acts of love for her was seeing Christ in friend and stranger, especially in the lives of the most vulnerable.

She created a “hospitality house” for the poor in New York City. Today they are spread around the nation and the world.

In 2020 the Vatican began a canonization process to make her a saint. She said once: “Don’t call me a saint. I don’t want to be dismissed so easily.”

We lift her up and give thanks for this prophet and saint today.