



Dorothy Day Tampa – in development - 2022

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Servant of God Dorothy Day

Vision - *“Make the kind of society where it is easier to be good.”* – Peter Maurin

Mission - *Recruit and train volunteers in a Catholic Worker tradition, who recognize the dignity of each person, to provide relief, hospitality, and housing assistance to homeless men and women within the Tampa area.*

Core Values - *“The Sermon on the Mount is our Christian manifesto”* – Dorothy Day

Ministry Overview: www.catholicworker.org

Dorothy Day Tampa www.dorothydaytampa.org/

“We must talk about poverty, because people insulated by their own comfort lose sight of it.” – Servant of God Dorothy Day

Praise report: *“Commit to the Lord your way; trust in Him and He will act.”* Ps 37:5



Can a QR code be a missing piece of the puzzle to help our Tampa homeless neighbors access highest demand community resources? Yes!!

Scan the QR code to experience how our media advisor, C3 Media Network, has put the most requested community resources in the hands of our neighbor’s experiencing homelessness. This represents a **‘transfer of power’** - critical, resource intelligence is now in the hands and phones of both the resources consumer and their support network.



Ann M. Doyle, MA, MBA - co-founder, Dorothy Day Tampa



Tampa’s Portico Café 8/16/2022 stakeholders listening session

August: Dorothy Day Tampa convened a listening session of 32 stakeholders involved in serving growing numbers of neighbors experiencing homelessness. Our theme - **Getting It Right!** Help create a seamless continuum of care for our neighbors who lack a place to live.

Session Takeaway – explore a **different Homelessness Resource Guide** to address the shortcomings of existing guides that confuse and traumatize our consumers: *individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless, as well as their support networks.*

Program Solution: produce a resource guide, designed by the consumers and providers of homelessness resources, using smartphone technology and QR codes to help streamline access and communicate accurate, updated, community resources.

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Dorothy Day Tampa study groups: We wrapped up our fourth group on 19 October. If you are asking, “*What am I being summoned to do?*” We welcome you to explore joining us. Our fifth virtual group beginning, 11 January 2023 is forming 1 November 2023. To register, go to <https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/get-engaged>

Ann’s Reflection: Charity vs Justice

As we finished our fourth six-week study session of Dorothy Day’s autobiography “The Long Loneliness”, we discussed what it means to work for justice. In its postscript, Dorothy remarked that all their efforts resulted from “just sitting around talking and people showed up hungry. So, we broke the bread.” Many of us question if our actions result in justice or are we engaged in charity? If so, how do we work for justice?

Mike and I are familiar with an article in *The Other Side* written by David Hilfiker in 2000, “When Charity Chokes Justice”. It has always been our go-to article around the questions of charity and justice. Hilfiker states “justice has to do with fairness - what people deserve. It results from social structures that guarantee moral rights. Charity offers benevolence or generosity. It results from people’s good will and can be withdrawn whenever they choose.” He questions charity’s toll on the recipients’ human dignity. “Charity may be necessary, but charity—especially long-term charity—wounds.” When we are the givers, and they are the receivers, it “acts out” inequality at the expense of the recipient’s dignity.

We most often are presented with opportunities to provide charity and feel incapable of ensuring justice. We are not alone. Mother Teresa when asked why she and her order did not address the root causes of poverty and instead offered shelter to the people on the streets of Calcutta. She always responded that she knew she could not solve the issue of world poverty. Thus, she chose to show the love of Christ, one person at a time.



This helped me understand that we all must use our gifts to demonstrate our love for others. Some of us also have the gifts and opportunities to also work to change unjust systems. Can we challenge ourselves to move outside of our comfort zone and do both? Can we build a just community by treating people with dignity? “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah: 8:6) - **Ann M. Doyle, MA, MBA – co-founder**

Missing resources:

- **Ministry location** – centrally located storefront, building, 3+ bedroom home, unused church building, vacant lot, distressed property of any kind to be rehabbed by Dorothy Day Tampa volunteers.
- **Prayer support** – His perfect will for Dorothy Day Tampa be done.
- **10 study group participants** – 1/11/2023 six-week virtual study group. \$150 to purchase ten study books.
- **Donations** for phase 2 media services and website updates - \$5,000 or more.
- **Volunteers (five)** – interested in helping staff serve HPUM Open Arms Sunday guests – flex scheduling.

“[T]he only solution is love and that loves comes with community. It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on.” – Dorothy Day, The Long Loneliness

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P.S. We cannot do this without your support!

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