



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 website is live! <https://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

Thank you for your recent generous donations to our Dorothy Day Tampa ministry!

Your gifts (\$2,000) inspire building our ministry and encourage other gifts. Since forming our nonprofit in January 2022, we have hosted three six-week virtual study groups guided by Dorothy’s autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*. Our fourth session started 9/7/2022.

So far, 30+ study group attendees have been transformed from curious to transfixed by Dorothy Day’s model of loving our neighbor *differently*.



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



Discussion on Serving Tampa’s Homeless at The Portico Cafe

“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.” Servant of God Dorothy Day

8/16/2022 – We hosted 32 Tampa thought leaders and change makers to begin exploring advocating boldly - 'getting it right' when serving Tampa's homeless. The session takeaway – explore creating a **relevant Smartphone app - homeless resource guide** designed and owned by ‘experts’ – our homeless neighbors. Stay tuned.....

Your support allows us to dig deeper and love our homeless neighbors better and better. Thank you again for your interest and your support of our growing ministry.



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If you are asking, **“What am I being summoned to do?”** we welcome you to explore joining us. Our fourth virtual study group **started September 7th 2022**. The next session will start January 11, 2023. <https://www.dorothydaytampa.org/>

Dorothy Day Tampa Reflection - 8/28/2022



At the ‘Shop’, currently Tampa’s only homeless drop-in center, a guest is also blessed with newer shoes and socks.

Nothing to Do but Love

“We face the situation that there is nothing we can do for people except to love them...the more we realize that the most important thing is to love. There are several destitute families with us, destitute to an unbelievable extent, and there, too, is nothing to do but to love.” – Servant of God Dorothy Day; *The Catholic Worker* June 1946

Recently, DD Tampa members encountered a homeless neighbor at Sacred Heart Church’s North Campus. He had walked a distance in ill-fitting shoes, screaming from painful, swollen feet. As we fed him breakfast and gave him a ride, he shared he had a criminal record that makes it more difficult to access available resources. Sometimes life choices narrow options for our neighbors, and in this case, breakfast and a pair of newer shoes and socks were the only help we could give at this time.

“At DD Tampa, past choices will not preclude us from loving all seeking help. When our homeless neighbors tell us they are ready for a different life, we will do what it takes to help, regardless of background.” Michael Doyle – co-founder

“We are not expecting Utopia here on this earth. But God meant things to be much easier than we have made them.” – Servant of God Dorothy Day

Missing resources:

- **Ministry location** – we are currently **‘homeless’** and seek a centrally located storefront, building, 3+ bedroom home, unused church building, vacant lot, or distressed property of any kind to be rehabbed.
- **Prayer support** – His perfect will be done.
- **10 study group participants** – 1/11/2023 six-week virtual study group. \$250 to purchase twelve study books.
- **Donations** for on-going media services and website – \$2,500 or more.
- **Volunteers (five)** – interested in helping staff serve The Coffee Shop guests and other projects to serve homeless–flex scheduling.
- **Your ideas** – how to *‘get it right’* to serve our homeless neighbors.

“[T]he only solution is love and that love 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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