



NEWSLETTER

The Road to Sainthood: Driven by Prayer by Lourdes M. Ferrer

The road to sainthood is anything but straight and narrow. Actually, it's much like the Road to Hana, a stretch of Hawaii State Highways 36 and 360 that connects Kahului with the town of Hana in east Maui.

For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of driving this scenic 52 mile strip of serpentine cliff-side road, which includes 54 one-lane bridges and 600 hairpin curves, trust me the Road to Hana is as treacherous as it is stunningly beautiful. And the ride seems long. Very, very, long.

But what's important to remember on the Road to Hana is that although Hana is your point of destination, the journey there is what holds the greatest rewards. And the good news is that the same can be said for the road to sainthood.

As much as we tend to focus on getting our candidate (in this case Dorothy), to the destination of official sainthood, we shouldn't be so focused on where we're going that we ignore the beauty along the way. And in this case, the beauty lies in spreading the word, and in seeing the growing devotion and exemplary faith of those who fervently pray that Dorothy will intercede on their behalf in heaven.

We all know miracles are a necessary part of the canonization process. A candidate needs two to become a saint. The first must take place after the candidate's death and as a result of a special petition to the candidate. This first miracle is needed to reach the stage of Beatification (the concession of public worship, limited to a particular region or group of

people), and the bestowal of the title "Blessed." Following Beatification, a second miracle is needed for canonization and the formal declaration of sainthood.

That said, we can now talk about what drives a Cause forward: prayer. Prayer is the engine that drives the canonization process.

As Catholics, we believe that when God chooses to glorify one of His servants for sainthood, He will grant favors through his or her intercession. These favors may take many forms, such as physical or emotional healings, spiritual conversions, restoration of families, or even helping with other needs such as finding employment. What's important to remember is that nothing is too big, or too small, for God.

So as we move along the highway to sainthood, let's take our time and enjoy the experience. It's okay if we go slowly, as long as we continue the momentum forward and invite others to join us along the way. Remember that what fuels our journey are the prayers we offer for ourselves, our loved ones, and for those we will never know but will eternally be joined with through our prayer.

And if the journey takes longer than expected, there's no need to fret. Prayer is the most reasonable fuel in town.

NOTIFY US ABOUT FAVORS RECEIVED:

If you believe you have received a favor through the intercession of Dorothy Day, please notify The Guild so that it can be documented. We can be reached at The Guild for Dorothy Day, 1011 First Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10022 or at lourdes.ferrer@archny.org.

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Guild News

• The Guild's membership has grown to 271. We are grateful for your dedication and enthusiasm for the Cause for Dorothy's canonization, and for your willingness to pray on behalf of the over 139 prayer requests The Guild has received.

• Monthly Masses for the intentions of The Guild for Dorothy Day are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in The Lady's Chapel at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Fifth Avenue and 51st Street behind the main altar.) Please join us. Future dates are October 10th, November 8th, and December

13th.

For those who can not attend in person, please unite with us in prayer for the intentions of The Guild.



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Dorothy On Prayer



Dorothy praying at the Church of The Nativity, New York, ca 1970. Photo by Bob Fitch.

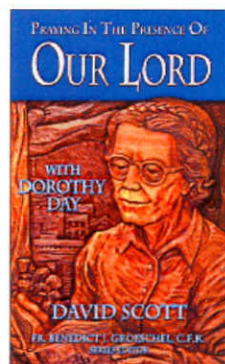
The two great commandments are to love God and to love our brothers. When we are praying the official prayers of the Church, uniting in praise, we are loving God. And because we are praying together, we are loving each other. Some may say this doesn't follow. Margaret may have just had an argument with John about money for carrots; Joe Smolko may have just accused Texas of getting out of washing the dishes; John Cort and

Bill Callahan may have been combating each other over what is a just war. But just the same, we know that when we are united together in the community room in this evening prayer, we are conscious of a Christian solidarity. As members of the Church, we are united in the whole Church. We are united with Christ Himself who is head of the Mystical Body. We may not do it very well, our poor efforts may be feeble, our hearts may not be right, but the will is there, and united with Him we partake of His merits. He is the only one who can pray right, and we are praying with Him so our prayer is effective. Then too, we are united with each other, and we benefit by all the merits and graces of our brethren. We lift each other up. "Two are better than one, for if one falls the other lifts him up." "A brother who is helped by his brother is like a strong city."

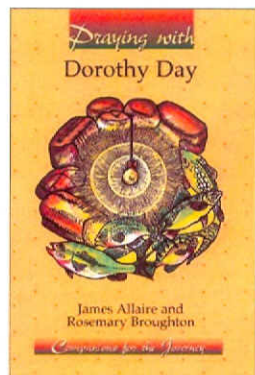
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