



**Dorothy Day biographer, Jim Forest
October 14 & 15, 2011**

**Public Lecture & Book Signing - Friday, Oct 14th, 7:30 pm
"All is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day"**

**St George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral,
3400 Dawson, Pgh, PA, 15213.**

\$5 donation

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**Day of Reflection - Saturday, Oct 15th, 10 am – 4 pm
"Dorothy Day: A Saint for Our Times?"**

at Holy Family of Nazareth

285 Bellevue Rd. Pittsburgh, near Perrysville exit off 279N

\$30.00 donation includes lunch

Who was Dorothy Day? *Why Should We Care?*

Dorothy Day was a person of contradictions: activist and contemplative, political radical and a theological conservative. Intending to found a newspaper, *The Catholic Worker*, she ended up founding a movement. The most important monuments to her are the over 200 houses of hospitality that stretch from San Francisco to Amsterdam. Seeking not only to provide hospitality to the homeless as "guests" during the Depression of the 1930s but to help build a nonviolent society which would not treat people as throw-aways, she was arrested again and again in protest actions. She continues to open doors for many, in terms of spiritual life, community building, the healing of division, service of the poor, and the renewal of churches, offering us graced inspiration and courage to continue the work for peace and social justice in our day. Many regard her as one of the saints of our time; a formal canonization process is now underway.

Jim Forest, worked with Dorothy Day during the last 20 years of her life. He is the author of a new and comprehensive biography of her, *All is Grace*. Jim helped start the Catholic Peace Fellowship in response to the Vietnam War and has worked with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, as well as his current role as International Secretary of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship. Jim will be leading a day of reflection hosted at the community where Dorothy Day made her retreats with Fr. John Hugo, a Pittsburgh diocesan priest.

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Numerous positive book reviews are available. See also:
<http://www.jimandnancyforest.com/2006/03/24/all-is-grace/>

* *Dorothy Day* by Robert Lenz, OFM

* Photo of Dorothy picketing with farmworkers by Bob Fitch



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