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A Pilgrim of Hope: An Academic Symposium on The Legacy of Dorothy Day

26 November 2025 — 3:30-7:00 p.m.

*Room F007 — Palazzo Frascara
3, Piazza della Pilotta*

3:30 p.m. **Welcome**

University Authorities, Students of The Lay Centre,
Donna Orsuto

3:50 p.m. **Panel I: The Spirituality of Dorothy Day:
Significance, Originality, and Limitations**

Robert Ellsberg, Margaret R. Pfeil, *Filipe Domingues*

5:00 p.m. **Panel II: The Social Action of Dorothy Day:
A Critical Evaluation**

Kevin Ahern, Diego Alonso-Lasheras SJ, *Giulia Galeotti*

6:00 p.m. **Concluding Remarks: The Legacy of our Grandmother**

Martha and Kate Hennessy, *René Micallef SJ*

The Symposium will be held in English. Simultaneous translation into Italian will be provided.
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Pontifical Gregorian University
26 November 2025 at 15:30-19:00

3:30-3:50 P.M.: WELCOME

- Moderator: Donna Orsuto, *Pontifical Gregorian University*
- Opening Prayer: Led by Students of the Lay Centre
- Welcome by officials of the Pontifical Gregorian University
- “Journeying in Hope with the Poor: the Witness of Dorothy Day”
Cardinal Michael Czerny, *Prefect, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development*

3:50-4:45 P.M.: PANEL I: THE SPIRITUALITY OF DOROTHY DAY: SIGNIFICANCE, ORIGINALITY AND LIMITATIONS

- Moderator: Filipe Domingues, Director, *The Lay Centre* at Foyer Unitas
- Robert Ellsberg, *Editor-in-chief and publisher of Orbis Books*
- Dr. Margaret R. Pfeil, *Professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame*
- Discussion

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5:00-5:55 P.M.: PANEL II: THE SOCIAL ACTION OF DOROTHY DAY: A CRITICAL EVALUATION

- Moderator: Giulia Galeotti, *L'Osservatore Romano*
- Kevin Ahern, *Professor of the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Manhattan University*
- Diego Alonso-Lasheras SJ, *Professor of Moral Theology and Social Ethics, Pontifical Gregorian University*
- Discussion

6:00 P.M.: CONCLUDING REMARKS: THE LEGACY OF OUR GRANDMOTHER

- Moderator: René Micallef, SJ, *Pontifical Gregorian University*
- Martha and Kate Hennessy

6:15 P.M.: LIGHT RECEPTION

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