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**New documentary Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story comes to MPT on March 23**

Documentary profiles one of the nation’s most extraordinary and courageous women

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television (MPT), as part of its Women’s History Month program lineup, will premiere the one-hour Journey Films documentary *Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story* on MPT-HD at 9 p.m. on Monday, March 23.

The film tells the story of one of the greatest champions of the poor America has known and a women who is being considered for sainthood by the Catholic Church. Yet Day was widely considered a radical and once made the FBI’s watch list as a “dangerous American.”

Award-winning filmmaker Martin Doblmeier’s latest faith-based documentary includes rare archival photographs and film footage plus interviews with Day’s granddaughters, writer Kate Hennessy and activist Martha Hennessy; actor/activist Martin Sheen; public theologian Cornel West; U.S. Senator Tim Kaine; author Joan Chittister; Sojourners magazine founder and President Jim Wallis; and others. Excerpts from Day’s autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*, are read in the film by actress Susan Sarandon.

**Free screening in Baltimore on March 12**
MPT will offer a free advance screening of the film at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. A discussion with filmmaker Martin Doblmeier will follow the screening. Event registration is available at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/revolution-of-the-heart-the-dorothy-day-story-screening-and-discussion-tickets-9721444019](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/revolution-of-the-heart-the-dorothy-day-story-screening-and-discussion-tickets-9721444019)

**About Dorothy Day**
As a journalist, Dorothy Day covered workers’ rights and child labor. As an activist, she protested war and nuclear arms. Attracted to Communism as a young woman, she believed it was a way to improve people’s lives. She marched in support of women’s suffrage and was jailed and beaten.
After the birth of her daughter, she converted to Catholicism and found Christianity to be an even more radical path. Day was co-founder (along with Peter Maurin) of the Catholic Worker Movement that began as a newspaper to expose injustices during the Great Depression. It expanded to become a network of hospitality houses for the poor and destitute. Nearly a century later, the newspaper endures and the number of Catholic Worker houses continues to grow.

Over the years, Dorothy Day developed her understanding of how to follow the Biblical challenge to be a “peacemaker” by resisting all forms of military intervention. She protested the United States’ involvement in World War II and was arrested multiple times for protesting America’s nuclear buildup. She led nationwide resistance against the war in Vietnam.

**Broadcast and distribution**

Following its Monday, March 23 premiere on MPT-HD, *Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story* will be rebroadcast on MPT2/Create at 10 p.m. on Friday, March 27 and on MPT-HD at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 29. The documentary also will be available on the MPH-HD livestream at [mpt.org](http://mpt.org) and on the free MPT app. It is presented nationally by MPT and distributed by American Public Television.

More information about the film is available at [journeyfilms.com/roth-about/](http://journeyfilms.com/roth-about/)

**About Journey Films**

The new documentary is from filmmaker Martin Doblmeier, whose team at Journey Films has produced more than 30 films on topics of religion, faith and spirituality including the theatrical documentary *BONHOEFFER*, along with *The Power of Forgiveness, An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*, and most recently *Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story*. Among Journey Films’ awards are three regional Emmy® Awards and eight Gabriel Awards for the nation’s best film on a religion topic.

*Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story* also is being honored this month with a Wilbur Award for best long-form documentary. These annual awards are given by the Religion Communicators Council for outstanding work in film, television, radio, newspapers, print publishing, and digital communications. Journey Films has earned five Wilbur Awards for its films.

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**About MPT**

Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a nonprofit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT’s six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards, MPT creates local, regional, and national television shows. Beyond broadcast, MPT’s commitment to professional educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through year-round instructional events and the super-website *Thinkport*, which garners in excess of five million page views annually. MPT’s community engagement connects viewers with local resources on significant health, education, and public interest topics through year-round outreach events, viewer forums, program screenings, and phone bank call-in opportunities. For more information visit [mpt.org](http://mpt.org).