

CALLED TO LOVE

— the way through despair is love —



When we feel despair, there is a way through: LOVE. We are agents of God, of His love, and His mission. At the heart of the Gospel, is the message of God's merciful love for all. We are *living examples* of a different and more caring way of being - for our communities, for families, for creation, for sustainability, and as part of our own spirituality. This unit will explore this theme by looking at examples of how ordinary men and women lived out Gospel values in their lives, community and work.

Reflection:

Dorothy Day set up the Catholic Worker Movement and is known for her dedication and love for the poor and poverty itself. Her work as a journalist led to her passion for social justice after reporting on hunger strikes taking place in her community. The Catholic Worker movement set up housing and work opportunities for the most vulnerable in society and is replicated across the world.



“ We can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalise and transform these actions and know that god will taken them and multiply them, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes ”

-Dorothy day

Do you have love in your heart? For what?
How might our world be transformed if we prayed for an 'increase of love'?
How do little actions, every day, make a difference?

How might we encourage others to have a desire for compassion, generosity and love?

How might we have solidarity with our neighbours?

If society showed love and compassion to all, how might our world look different?

Do we love our neighbour as we love ourselves?

Activity

Write a love letter to the world or to creation. You could get creative! Maybe instead of a letter you could present it as a poster, or a poem, song or rap? In it include the things you love, why you love them and why we want to keep them safe for the future. Can you imagine what the world would look like without them? We would love to see what you come up with - share them with us to help encourage others to see the beauty we have in our world, and in humanity, and how we need to safeguard these for the future.

Discussion Questions:

- What is it that you most love about this world? Why is that?**
- What do you want to keep safe for the future?**

