



Father Daniel Berrigan. *Consistent.*

“One is called to live nonviolently, even if the change one works for seems impossible.”

Born in Virginia, Minnesota on May 9, 1921, Daniel Berrigan has been a priest, a poet, a novelist, an activist. Along with his brother Philip, Berrigan was an outspoken opponent to American militarism, founding the national peace group, Clergy and Laity Concerned about Vietnam.

Ordained in 1952, Father Berrigan marched with his brother during the civil rights movement at Selma in 1965. Together they led numerous protests against the war in Vietnam, including the destruction of draft board files in 1968. For his various acts of civil disobedience, Father Berrigan has spent more than six years of his life in prison.

“We spoke out, committed civil disobedience, and went to jail because the peace hangs senselessly and precariously upon weapons costing billions to build and billions to improve—weapons which become more useless

as we add to their destructive force.”

“With this money we could have fed the world’s people. Half the children on earth go to bed hungry...instead of building the peace by attacking injustices like starvation, disease, illiteracy, political and economic servitude, we spend a trillion dollars on war since 1946, until hatred and conflict have become the international preoccupation.”

Father Berrigan has been a long-time endorser of the Consistent Life ethic. He rejects abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty and war—he fundamentally rejects violence toward any human being.

Father Dan has continued to protest military actions, has been arrested in front of abortion clinics, worked on national anti-poverty projects, and has expressed his faith with unrelenting optimism and determination. He has fought for social justice for nearly 60 years as a priest.

Father Berrigan supports Consistent Life. Will you join him?

We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today’s world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, capital punishment and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a ‘consistent ethic of life’. We challenge those working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation, and respect in protecting the unprotected.



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