



Rooted in Christ
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Transforming Presence

New Life... Easter Joy... Rooted in Christ...

Transformation of society through ordinary People

Often when we are asked the question to name some great saints that changed the world we easily rhyme of St Francis of Assisi, St Ignatius of Loyola, St Thomas Aquinas, St Augustine, we might even mention a few women saints like St. Teresa of Avila, St Teresa of Calcutta or St Clare. And indeed, these are great saints for many reasons.

I invite us to think of other great contemporary men and women, whose names may not roll off our tongues but who have made a tremendous contribution to the transformation of modern-day society. I love to think of these people because they impacted so deeply the lives of the poor and the marginalised. There they touched the wounds of Christ. They courageously acted against the status quo and being so ***rooted in Christ*** and His love for His people they sacrificed personal gain and their own human needs for recognition, intimacy, comfort, acceptance, among other needs. *They chose to take upon themselves a share in the life of the Crucified Christ.* These great modern-day saints didn't do any extraordinary things. Their greatness lies in their faith, ***rooted in Christ***, who in responding to His call worked to change their world. *It was their fidelity to listen to and follow the heartbeat of Christ in serving humanity that made them great.*

I mention three such people, Joseph Moscati, Dorothy Day and Benedict Daswa. None of them ever left their own hometown or country. None of them were religious. Rather

they lived and worked and were transformed from within themselves, and through their inner conversion they transformed their societies and the people they lived among. They were so deeply convinced of God's call in their lives that nothing else mattered. James 1:22-25



SAINT JOSEPH MOSCATI
1880 - 1927

“Love the truth, and if it costs you persecution, you accept it; and if it costs you torment, support it. And if for the truth you have to sacrifice yourself and your life, be strong in your self-sacrifice.” Joseph Moscati.

“The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us?” Dorothy Day.



BL. DOROTHY DAY
1897 - 1980



BL. BENEDICT DASWA
1946 - 1990

“God into your hands I commend my spirit.” Benedict's last words.

As we approach the great event of Easter in anticipation for our share in the Resurrection of Christ,

we are invited to reflect upon the following:

- Where is God calling me to **freely choose** to be **rooted in Him** and to take upon myself a share in the life of the crucified Christ?
- Where is God calling me personally to transform my attitudes, behaviour and values?
- Where is God calling us as communities and congregation to be real agents of change and transformation?

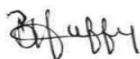
Rooted in Christ - Col. 2:7

Dying to self – John 12:24-24

Jesus rises from the dead - Luke 24:1-12

*“By our choices we are
grafted onto Christ.”*

We wish you a very happy
and blessed Easter.



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