

The Thomas Merton Center of Palo Alto presents...

A Granddaughter Remembers Dorothy Day

A presentation by Kate Hennessy

Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Arrillaga Recreation Center, Menlo Park Civic Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park



Kate Hennessy's memoir about her notable grandmother is titled: *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty*. Published in 2017, Kate Hennessy's book illuminates in intimate detail the life and work of Dorothy Day (1897-1980)—the iconic, celebrated, and controversial Catholic whom Pope Francis called a “great American” before Congress in 2015. Her cause for canonization is in process.

Day's life has been revealed through her own writings as well as the work of historians, theologians, and academics. What has been missing until now is a more personal account from the point of view of someone who knew her well.



The memoir is a frank and reflective, heartfelt and humorous portrayal of a matriarch with a close but complicated relationship with her daughter and only child, Tamar Hennessy, as well as her nine grandchildren. Hennessy said her book is more than the story of Dorothy Day.

“It's also the story of my mother, Tamar, Dorothy's only child,” said Hennessy. “It came out of the period after my mother's death in 2008, when I realized that if my mother's story wasn't told, a very essential element of my grandmother's story would remain untold.”

**Admission:
Free.
Reservations
not required.
Donations
gratefully
accepted.**

Parking is available adjacent to the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center. A limited number of copies of *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty* will be available for purchase. Kate will do a book-signing. Copies are also readily available from online bookstores.

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