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“Fool for Christ” Comes to Las Vegas *A One Woman Play with Sarah Melici as Dorothy Day, Friday, Aug. 3, 7 pm*

“When Dorothy Day died in 1980 at the age of eighty-three it was observed that she was “the most influential, interesting, and significant figure” in the history of American Catholicism. The Catholic Worker, a lay movement she founded in 1933 and oversaw for nearly fifty years, was an effort to show that the radical gospel commandment of love could be lived. She understood this challenge not just in the personal form of charity (the works of mercy) but in a political form as well, confronting and resisting the social forces which gave rise to such a need for charity. She represented a new type of political holiness—a way of serving Christ not only through prayer and sacrifice but through solidarity with the poor and in struggle along the path of justice and peace.”

-Robert Ellsberg, from his book: *All Saints*

“*Fool for Christ* brings to the stage the story of a woman whose folly immeasurably surpassed the wisdom of this world.

Dorothy Day was one of the guiding lights of my lifetime. Without her courage and constancy, the church (and myself) would have been impoverished beyond my power of telling.

We need not mourn her death; in this monologue; passionate, funny and heartfelt, Dorothy lives.

Sarah Melici has graced us with a splendid evening. I can think of no greater praise; *Fool for Christ* is worthy of the original Dorothy.”

-Daniel Berrigan, S.J., Author, Poet, Activist



Above: Sarah Melici, play written by Donald Yonker

“The most accurate portrayal we’ve seen. Thank you Sarah for a perfect production.”

-Jeannette Noel, New York Catholic Worker

Christ the King Catholic Community Hall
(corner of Torrey Pines & Tropicana) Price: Free

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PLEASE JOIN US:

Wednesday-Saturday, 6:00 a.m.:

Morning prayer at Catholic Worker.

Wednesday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.:

Breakfast meal served at St. James Church parking lot (G & McWilliams St.) to the poor and homeless.

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.:

Mass or Liturgy, potluck following. Call for location.

Seven Days a Week:

Hospitality (IHN) to 3 to 5 homeless families, call 638-8806 to volunteer.

Last Saturday each month; 8:30 a.m.:

Deliver food to homes in need, gather for reflection & prayer, call for info.

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The Las Vegas Catholic Worker presents:

*A Celebration
of 15 Years
of Witness
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Wilderness
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Friday, August 3, 2001, 7:00 pm: "Fool for Christ", A play based on the life of Dorothy Day, performed by Sarah Melici. Christ the King Catholic Community Hall.

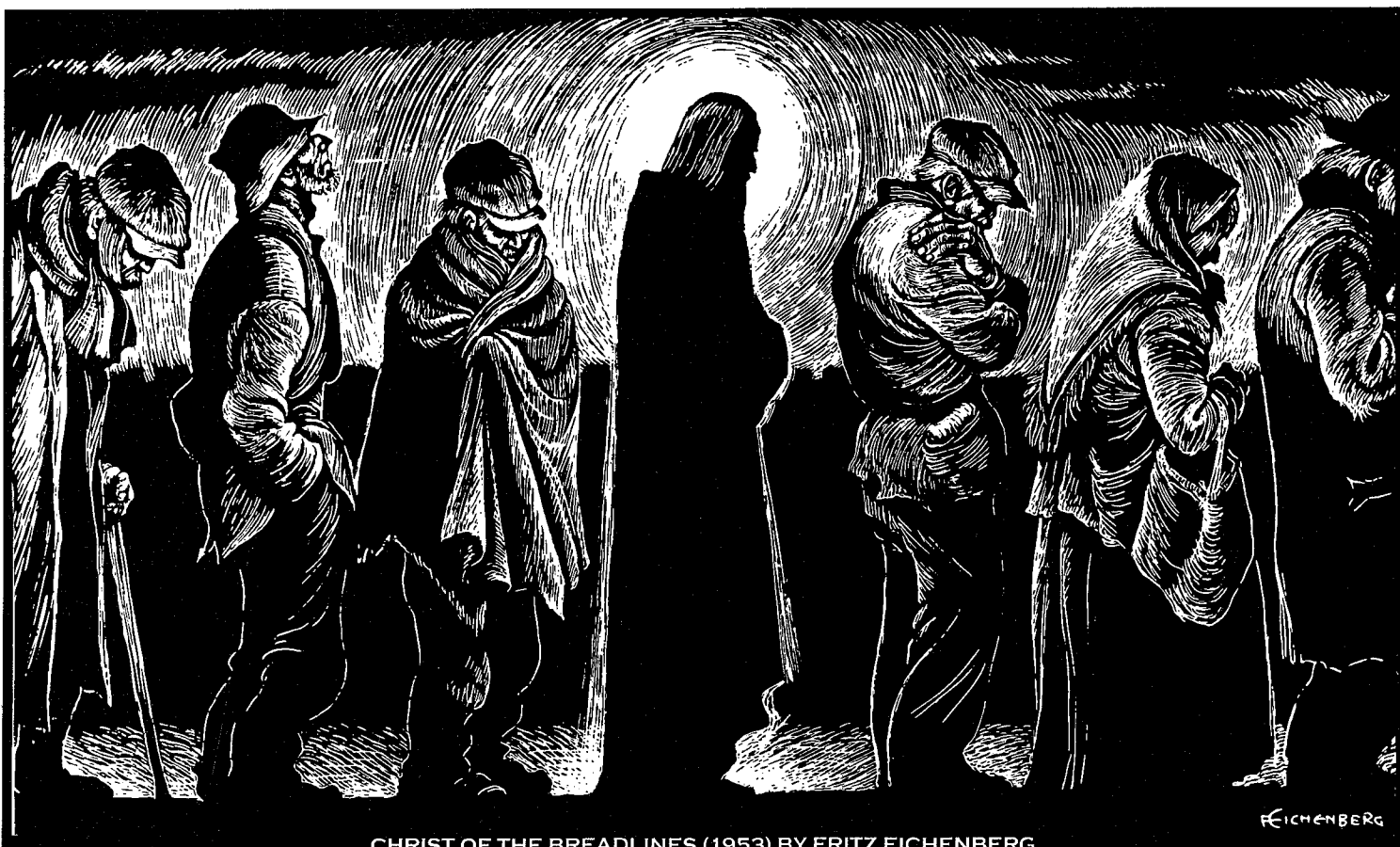
(SW corner of Torrey Pines and Tropicana, Las Vegas)
Saturday, August 4, 2001, 1:00 p.m.: Mass celebrating the Catholic Worker's 15 year anniversary in Las Vegas, Fr. Bill Kenny, celebrant. Christ the King Catholic Community Church. Celebration and Meal following in the Hall.

Sunday, August 5, 2001, 8:30 a.m.: Commemorative service at the Nevada (Nuclear Weapon) Test Site, Mercury Gate (65 miles north of Las Vegas, US 95).

Out of town guests: please let us know by Friday, July 6 if you need housing for this event.

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Photos- above: More than 500 gather at the Nevada Test Site for the 1987 Catholic Worker gathering in Las Vegas. left: Sarah Melici performs as Dorothy Day.



CHRIST OF THE BREADLINES (1953) BY FRITZ EICHENBERG

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