



Dear Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, associates, students, and friends and family of the SNDdeN community,

You are cordially invited to a ceremony on January 10, 2025, honoring Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN in the Church of San Bartolomeo all'Isola in Rome (St. Bartholomew's on the Island). San Bartolomeo is the site of the body of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, and was entrusted to the Community of Sant'Egidio in 1999 by Pope John Paul II so that it could be used as a sanctuary for commemorating modern-day martyrs. In the various side chapels and now also in a formal exhibit in the crypt, the stories and relics of martyred Christians from all over the world are preserved. Among the objects displayed there are the chasuble of Archbishop Romero, the tunic of Archbishop Faraj Rahho of Mosul, the trowel of St. Charles de Foucauld, and a letter from Bl. Franz Jägerstätter written just before his execution.

It will be a privilege for Sant'Egidio to help preserve the memory of Sr. Dorothy by including her story in the exhibit, and by safeguarding a relic that has been preserved by the Ohio province of the Sisters – a small container of the blood-soaked dirt from the site of Sr. Dorothy's murder. Sr. Dorothy will be the first woman from the U.S. honored in San Bartolomeo. Sisters, faculty and students of SNDdeN institutions in the US and beyond, associates and friends of the SNDs are all invited to join us in Rome. 2025 will mark 20 years since Sr. Dorothy's death, so this event will be an appropriate way to begin that memorial year.

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For up to date details about the event:

consult [this page](#), which will be kept up to date.

More information about San Bartolomeo:

<https://sanbartolomeo.org/>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2023-03/missionary-martyrs-day-cupich-martyrs-teach-us-power-of-love.html>

<https://santegidio.org>