



## Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN

Dorothy Stang was born in America in 1931 and joined the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1948, making her final vows in 1956.

For most of the next 50 years, Sister Dorothy chose to live and work in the very poorest parts of Brazil.

She spoke out for peasant farmers who were being badly treated by the Government and also cared greatly about protecting the Amazon Rainforest.

Although she received many awards for her work, she also made many enemies amongst people who had become very rich by destroying the Rainforest and chasing the poor farmers from their land.

When she was asked why she stayed in Brazil, despite the dangers, she said:

*"I don't want to flee, nor do I want to abandon the battle of these farmers who live without any protection in the forest. They have the sacrosanct right to aspire to a better life on land where they can live and work with dignity while respecting the environment"*

She was murdered on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2005

She is affectionately known as the  
**"Angel of the Amazon".**

### 12<sup>th</sup> February Anniversary of her assassination

At her funeral, the people who loved and appreciated her so much acclaimed that Sr Dorothy was not buried – she was planted!

The house colour for Dorothy is GREEN, reminding us of Sr. Dorothy's commitment to creation!

#### PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks for the compassion and bravery of Dorothy Stang.

We pray that we too might be compassionate and courageous enough to speak up for the oppressed.

We pray this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.