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## Reflections on Fr. Daniel Berrigan, SJ - May 7, 2016

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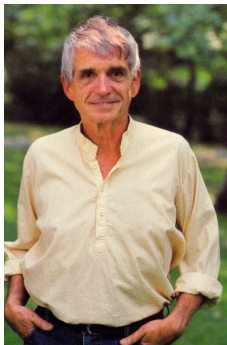
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Dear Friend,



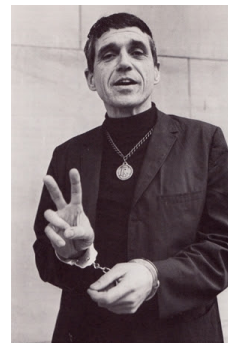
I am sure that by now you have heard the news about the passing of [Fr. Daniel Berrigan, SJ](#). And I am betting that the mere mention of his name brings to mind some very clear and provocative memories. For some folks, perhaps, these are negative; for many of us, they are positive and powerful. Fr. Berrigan did not engender apathy.

Fr. Daniel Berrigan, SJ, was a larger-than-life hero, at least to this 10-year-old, seeing his image on the cover of my parents' Time magazine. This priest was not safely ensconced in the cozy warmth of a rectory and security of a parish job, as were the priests I had grown up respecting (and emulating to a degree as an altar boy). While I still respected these men, [Fr. Berrigan](#) was different, out in the world "stirring up things" and even getting himself arrested!


This Bronx kid was in awe of this charismatic agent-of-change in a Roman collar. I knew, even then, that the priesthood was not my calling but [Fr. Berrigan](#) moved me to work to make a difference in the lives of those on the fringes. I have spent a good deal of my career working on behalf of folks on the periphery of society, inspired by Fr. Berrigan.

In the March 5th eNewsletter, I recounted having lunch with Fr. Berrigan at Murray-Weigel Hall and how he shared his dessert with me. Now I was raised not to engage in any hero worship of other human beings; a lesson learned from both parents and my Jesuit teachers. But sitting with Fr. Berrigan brought me back more than forty years ago to that tongue-tied, giddy pre-teen, afraid of embarrassing himself in front of his hero. Later, as I traveled back home, I was glad that I had managed to maintain my composure; but it was quite the struggle!

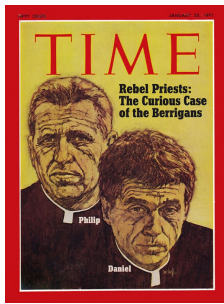
I encourage you to visit our [website](#) to read more about Fr. Berrigan. And, please feel free to share with me your memories.



Fr. Daniel Berrigan, SJ, following an arrest, circa 1968.

 Patrick Norberto, Philanthropy Officer

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AMDG,  
Patrick Norberto, Director of Legacy Planning

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PS. Click [here](#) if you would like to view the recording of the [Funeral Mass for Fr. Berrigan](#) on May 6th at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, in New York City.

PPS. I would love to hear from you, learn your story, and get to know you better. Please feel free to call me at 212-774-5553, or 617-607-2894 in New England. I look forward to your call.

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*"Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it." ~ Mark Twain*

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