

St. Francis Catholic Worker

We are a community forming in the tradition of the Catholic Worker Movement started by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933. Our core values are voluntary poverty, solidarity with the poor and abandoned, nonviolence, personal commitment to social justice, and prayer. We are motivated by our desire to be brother and sister to all, in the spirit of St. Francis.

“Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy...What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.”
-Thomas Merton

Our mission is to welcome each of our neighbors, transforming conflict and misunderstanding into relationships of love and trust. We honor as guests the poor and the rich, inviting both to go away rejoicing, empty-handed, having given their gifts. We are guided by the works of mercy.



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“It is no use to say that we are born 2000 years too late to give room to Christ... Christ is always with us, always asking for **room in our hearts.**”
-D. Day

All artwork by Ade Bethune, Catholic Worker
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“The mystery of poverty is that by sharing in it, making ourselves poor in giving to others,



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we increase our knowledge and belief in love.”

-Dorothy Day

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry.
Give water to the thirsty.
Shelter the homeless.
Clothe the naked.
Visit the imprisoned.
Visit the sick.
Bury the dead.



Spiritual Works of Mercy

Bear wrongs patiently.
Forgive all injuries.
Counsel the doubtful.
Instruct the ignorant.
Comfort the sorrowful.
Admonish the sinner.
Pray for the living and the dead.

You are invited.

We welcome any newcomers who seek to “practice the presence of God.” We hope to open a house of hospitality and fellowship for the poor and poor in spirit, and also to distribute a newspaper in the tradition of Catholic Worker.



“The mystery of the poor is this:
that they are Jesus, and what you do
for them you do for Him.”

-D. Day

Bridge to Community Jail Transition

We are growing a service to help those newly released from Dane County jail in downtown Madison. Often, people are released with few or no resources, not even a bus pass or a place to stay the night. We hope to:

- Provide transportation on the morning of release to critical first-steps in the transition back to community.
- Connect people to available community resources.
- Offer support and prayer.
- Honor as guests all to whom we provide transportation.

