Simone Weil House

Catholic Worker & Public Household

Hello friends,

This week marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Worker movement. To mark the occasion, we are excited to share two recent articles about our work at the Simone Weil Catholic Worker!

The first article, out this week from *The Nation*, highlights our work in its take on the history and future of the Catholic Worker movement, for the occasion of this 90th anniversary. The *National Catholic Register* article is from January and highlights our community's attempt to live from the heart of the Church.

- "**The Anarchism of the Catholic Worker,**" *The Nation* (see attached PDF if blocked by paywall)

- "**Putting the 'Catholic' in Catholic Worker**," *National Catholic Register*, from January

We think it is in the spirit of our founding inspirations - the lives of Simone Weil, Peter Maurin, and Dorothy Day - to strive after an ideal that attracts sympathy (and criticism) from both the left and the right. Reforming the social order from the inside out, starting with ourselves, our families, and communities, requires sacrifice. We hope to help folks experience this work as responding to an ultimate obligation, not one circumscribed by a particular political context.

Also, both of the above articles talk about our *living communion* initiative with Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. This is "a community living as the Body of Christ through practical Scriptural frameworks for treating each other like (God's) family." We start by participating in the ultimate expression of God's familial love in Christ – *redemption* – through the Biblical obligation to prevent and redeem each other's precarious debt. If you are interested in this for your parish or Christian community, here is **the new (draft) parish guide to redemptive lending**.

Thank you for all of the ways you have supported our community over the past 3.5 years!

Peace to you,
Bert, Emma, Katherine, Marie, and the whole Simone Weil House community

Back to the land: Members of Portland's Simone Weil House welcome their newest additions. *(Portland's Simone Weil House)*