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# Wallyhouse News



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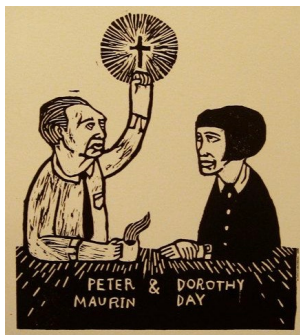
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Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin are the founders of the Catholic Worker movement. The movement began on May 1, 1933 with the distribution of the Catholic Worker newspaper in New York's Union Square. The paper was a means to proclaim the Catholic Worker vision, based on the radical Gospel message and the life of Christ. Today there are over 200 Catholic Worker communities in cities throughout the world. The Honolulu Catholic Worker was founded in March 2018 by David Catron, tssf and barbara bennett, tssf. Wallyhouse is committed to nurturing the poor in body, mind and spirit, non-violent resistance of oppression and practicing radical acts of kindness.



## Dorothy Day on the Catholic Worker:



"Slowly, I began to understand what Peter Maurin wanted: We were to reach the people by practicing the works of mercy, which meant feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the prisoner, sheltering the harborless, and so on. We were to do this by being poor ourselves, giving everything we had; then others would give too. Voluntary poverty and the works of mercy were the things he stressed above all. This was the core of his message. It had such an appeal that it inspired us to action—action which certainly kept us busy and and got us into all kinds of trouble besides."

## A Welcome from the Rector:



It all began with a "bread upon the waters" moment when yours truly sent out an email to all Franciscans here and abroad to think about starting a Catholic Worker house of hospitality here in Honolulu. Lo and behold, word comes from two Third Order Franciscans looking to do just that! Given St. Elizabeth's long ties to our inner city community, our multiple ministries ranging from "feed the belly" to trying to change society's unjust structures, why, having the spirit of Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin among us seemed a natural fit. And so we are delighted to welcome Barbara and David to carry on this wonderful tradition of looking after the least, the lost and the tired among us.

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## And are we really Franciscan monks? No and Yes.

We are members of a religious order, the Third Order, Society of St. Francis (TSSF). The Franciscan movement was founded around the year 1220 by Francis of Assisi, a man who succeeded as few others have in a literal living of the Gospel.

Originally intended as a solitary endeavor, Francis' lifestyle quickly attracted followers. Among these were men who could leave everything and live in community with him. They became known as *First Order* friars, wearing distinctive habits, working and preaching among the people. Women too joined the movement after the example of Saint Clare, living an enclosed life, unlike the friars who were free to roam. These women constituted the *Second Order*. Finally, there were men and women who could not leave their ordinary walks of life, (someone had to mind the store!) who also wished to follow Francis. For them Francis created a *Third Order*.

Each order marks a different responses to the Spirit's call, each living by a Rule of Life, not one "better" than the other. David joined TSSF in 1975, and Barbara in 1989. This means we are part of a religious community that lives dispersed throughout the world but by a common rule of life. Ours is a life of prayer, study and social service that strives to spread the peace and love of God while living simply. To learn more you can ask us or visit online at [tssf.org](http://tssf.org). Maybe TSSF is for you too!?

Note: our very own bishop, Robert Fitzpatrick, is the Bishop Protector of the Episcopal First Order brothers, and he is an Associate to all 3 orders, meaning us too!

### **What the Catholic Worker Believes** an Easy Essay by Peter Maurin

The Catholic Worker believes  
in the gentle personalism  
of traditional Catholicism.

The Catholic Worker believes  
in the personal obligation of looking after  
the needs of our brothers and sisters.

The Catholic Worker believes  
in the daily practice of the Works of Mercy.

The Catholic Worker believes  
in Houses of Hospitality  
for the immediate relief of those who are in need.

The Catholic Worker believes  
in the establishment of Farming Communes  
where each one works  
according to their ability  
and gets according to their need.

The Catholic Worker believes  
in creating a new society  
within the shell of the old  
with the philosophy of the new,  
which is not a new philosophy  
but a very old philosophy,  
a philosophy so old  
that it looks like new.

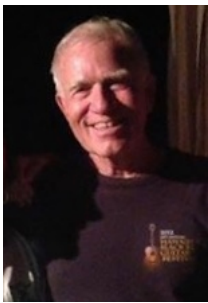
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## ...and who is Wally?

To make this happen, we desperately needed funds to rehabilitate our rectory, which needed new plumbing, wiring and windows, not to mention flooring and paint! Lo and behold, Wally Inglis, chair of the Hawaii Coalition for Creative Housing, a group that fought for and achieved affordable housing for hundreds of elderly and disabled folk, was able to provide the needed funds to make the rectory into a livable worker home. Wally is a former Maryknoll priest, and a life long social activist who has for decades put himself on the front lines for a better world, including now volunteering at the front door of Wallyhouse...and always from a place of humility and self-deprecation. So what could be better than to make this new worker house his namesake: **Wallyhouse!**

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## Now for a few words from Wally himself



It has long been my dream to be part of a Catholic Worker community. After an unsuccessful attempt some years ago to start a group here in Honolulu, I am overjoyed that such a community has been brought to life on the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Church. We have received a great gift in the presence of Barbara Bennett and David Catron—who bring years of Catholic Worker experience to Palama. Inspired by the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, these dedicated Franciscans have lived and worked in communities in Brazil and the U.S. mainland.

As the first Catholic Worker house to be established in Hawaii, we look to our roots in the Great Depression of the 1930s. During that era our founders, Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, launched a movement which practiced the works of mercy by embracing the virtues of nonviolence, voluntary poverty, and caring for the land. They opened a house of hospitality in a poor neighborhood of New York City, published a newspaper which they sold for a penny a copy on the city's streets, and started a farm in the country. The seeds they planted almost a century ago, both in the earth and in the hearts of many, have taken root and flourished through dozens of Catholic Worker communities throughout the world.

The following gives some idea of Dorothy's commitment: "As you come to know the seriousness of our situation—the war, the racism, the poverty—you come to realize it is not going to be changed just by words or demonstrations ... It's a question of living your life in a drastically different way." As for Peter, he worked and prayed for a society "where it is easier for people to be good." We invite all of you to join us as we try to live our lives "in a different way."

Within a few short months, Barbara and David, helped by a handful of volunteers, have taken amazing steps in forming a lively community, with Wallyhouse as its hub. They have made friends among our houseless neighbors—welcoming them, sharing food, and providing laundry services. A new art studio will soon add to our growing list of activities.

As we formally dedicate our new Catholic Worker home, today, July 8, 2018, we are grateful to our St. Elizabeth rector, Father David J. Gierlach, for providing space and making it possible for Barbara and David to pioneer our new project. We also thank Martha Hennessy, Dorothy Day's granddaughter, for encouraging us over many years. The hand of God is indeed at work among us, assuring us of continued blessings as we move forward in love and service—and commit ourselves to peace and justice for all.

Gratefully,  
Wally Inglis

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## Wallyhouse hours of service:

food bank, laundry, phone charging, mail

Monday-Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm and 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday afternoon and Sunday: CLOSED

**Artfelt:** an open art studio for the houseless and at-risk youth  
to open **Monday, July 23!**

## COME and VOLUNTEER!!

COME help to make food bags, and or serve them

to fold laundry

to bake something in our kitchen and serve our houseless community a

delicious

treat fresh out of the oven!

to join in Artfelt by assisting or teaching a workshop!

to help beautify the gardens

to help us in the way the Spirit beckons you!

## Charitable Contributions NEEDED!!

Did you know that donations made directly to Wallyhouse or to St. Elizabeth's, memo: Wallyhouse both qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions? How might we use donations? So glad you asked:

+to continue the restoration of the rectory, screens on the windows, for example

+to support our ongoing ministries of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, nurturing broken spirits (Artfelt).

+to initiate two identified ministries: a sewing room in the front room and a community vegetable garden.

## In Kind Contributions NEEDED!!

+We can use snack food, new underwear, toiletries/hygiene products, simple can openers, art supplies, laundry soap in pods, trash bags, your time...

## Is a Catholic Worker Catholic? No and Yes.

"No," if you are asking are we members of the Roman Catholic Church, headed by the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis. We are Episcopalians, the American branch of the Church of England which separated from Rome in the 1600s.

"Yes!" if you are asking about the "one holy *catholic* and apostolic Church," which we profess in the Nicene Creed every Sunday. In this context Catholic is roughly synonymous with "universal," having no boundary or lines drawn that demarcate those who are "in" and those who are "out" such as Roman Catholic v. Anglo Catholic. Nor do we see ourselves separate from the world. Instead we see our life as an integral part of the world and society.