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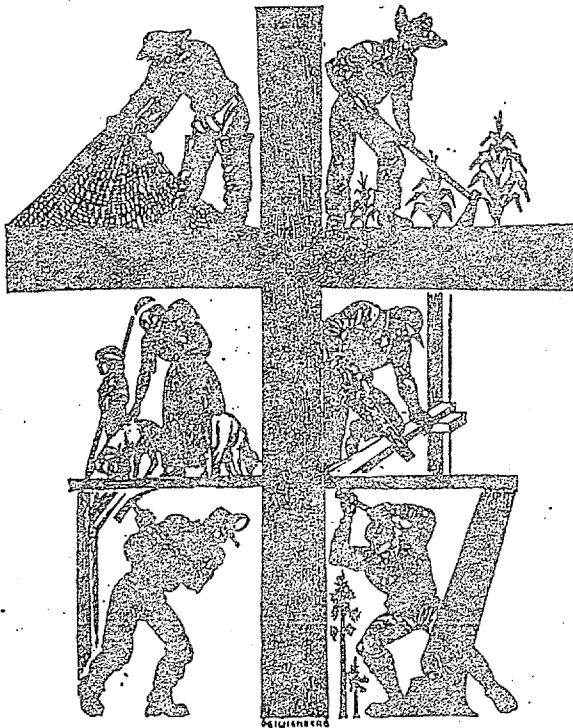
Apparently in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. But the relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers has a longer history.

In a constantly necessary effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasized that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. Man is like God not only in thinking and loving, but also in creating. Whether he makes a table or a cathedral, man is called to bear fruit with his hands and mind, ultimately for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Psalm 127
UNLESS THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE

If the Lord does not build the house,
the work of the builders is useless;
if the Lord does not protect the city,
it does no good for the sentries to stand
guard.

It is useless to work so hard for a living,
getting up early and going to bed late,
because the Lord gives rest to those he
loves.



CATHOLIC WORKER

On May 1st 1933 Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin founded the Catholic Worker Movement. The Movement uses the New Testament as a practical guide to social action: the Sermon on the Mount as its Catholic Manifesto. In its houses of hospitality (presently numbering over fifty) members accept the obligation to do something personally and immediately about the ills that plague society by housing, feeding, clothing, but most importantly befriending the poor. This spirit of "gentle personalism" has guided the Catholic Worker's anti-war activities and criticism of capitalism as it now exists.

JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

I see you Jesus
no longer just in my prayer,
no longer just in my bible,
but in the breaking of the bread of
everyday life.

I see you Jesus
when you help me get done what's got to
get done:
my homework, my finals, my everyday
living.

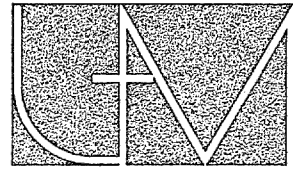
Where do I see you?
More and more in the people around me:
my friends, the people at the dinner table,
my Mom and Dad, my sister, the guy on the
bus home.

You have become flesh in them;
you are not just the Spirit in the sky any
longer,
but you are right here in them to love me,
for me to love.

How right it is to know that I can love them,
and in loving them love you yourself.
I feel so much more a part of them, a part of
you,
and that's all I ever really wanted anyway.

Thanks for entering everyday life.
I'm glad I don't have to go to the desert to
find you.
All I have to do is listen right here and now
and I'll find you coming through,
gently, subtly touching my heart with your
love and wisdom.
I'm happy you love me just the way I am,
helping me develop all the potential that's
in me,
all the potential that's in the world,
your precious gifts of every day.
Amen.

Dan McGraw



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Right to Life

The Notre Dame/St. Mary's Right to Life organization is sponsoring a talk in the Library Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. May 1st. Fr. Paul Marx, OSB, the President of Human Life International is the speaker. His presentation is entitled "THE RELATION OF CONTRACEPTION AND ABORTION"

Summer Volunteers

Single Catholic women who are seniors in High School or older are invited to share their talents and energy by ministering alongside the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Volunteers will be involved in education, health-care, recreational and other ministries in the Midwest for one or two weeks while living with the sisters. For more information contact Sr. Judith Diltz, Ancilla Domini, Donaldson, IN 46513 (Phone: 219 - 936 - 9936)



Prayer to St. Joseph

Good St. Joseph,
ever-watchful guardian of the holy family,
protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ,
keep us free from the blight of error and
corruption,
and be our ally in the conflict with the
powers of darkness.
As of old you rescued the child Jesus from
the plots of Herod,
so now defend the universal Church from all
harm.
Keep us one and all under your continual
protection,
so that by your help and example,
we may lead a holy life,
die a godly death,
and attain to a happy eternity in heaven.
—Amen.

Worker Appreciation Day

It seems easy to think that Notre Dame runs on its tradition. In reality, however, there are many groups of individuals who work everyday to keep the body and soul of Notre Dame together. This week offers us an opportunity to express our appreciation to those people. In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, which falls on May 1, Hall President's Council, Student Government and CILA are sponsoring a WORKER APPRECIATION DAY. So take a few moments this Wednesday to give a smile, say "thank you," or say a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord who was also a worker.