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Peter Maurin

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- 1. The Catholic Worker believes in the gentle personalism of traditional Catholicism.
- 2. The Catholic Worker believes in the personal obligation of looking after the needs of our brother.
- 3. The Catholic Worker believes in the daily practice of the Works of Mercy.
- 4. The Catholic Worker believes in Houses of Hospitality for the immediate relief of those who are in need.
- 5. The Catholic Worker believes in the establishment of Farming Communes where each one works according to his ability and gets according to his need.
- 6. 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.