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"He asked nothing for himself, so he got nothing," Dorothy Day wrote in *Loaves and Fishes* of Peter Maurin, the man she considered the true founder of the Catholic Worker movement. Maurin did not cling to possessions, demand respect or seek personal recognition. He often takes a backseat to Day in stories of the movement they co-founded, and the aspect of the Catholic Worker that he's most associated with — farming communes or "agronomic universities" — was for decades considered one of the movement's biggest failures.

But: [Peter Maurin's farm-rooted vision is gaining ground among Catholic Workers today](#)

Benedictine Sr. Joan Chittister is one of the most influential voices in American Catholicism. Have you read her latest book, *The Time Is Now*? Our reviewer [says it an oratorical and inspirational book](#) meant to call all those who claim to be Christian.

Prominent U.S. bishops have opposed the Equality Act that's been introduced in Congress, but [Network executive director Sr. Simone Campbell says](#) supporting legislation protecting LGBTQ people's civil rights is "a call to love. It's a no-brainer in my book."

Let's go! The [monastery of the Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Koblenz, Germany, Kloster Arenberg](#), is home to 50 Dominican sisters and welcomes seekers of all stripes to their property for various forms of holistic recreation. Sr. Ursula Hertewich, who works there as a spiritual guide for guests, offering one-on-one spiritual counseling appointments, said "wellness," a term that brings to mind concerns about access and privilege, is a word the press has attached to what they're doing in Koblenz, not one they chose for themselves.

Good news about religious tolerance in the United States: The [research highlights concrete solutions for combating anti-Muslim hate](#), explained Dalia Mogahed, director of research for the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, which surveys faith communities regarding Islamophobia in the U.S. "It's pretty clear. Make Muslim friends, learn about Islam, and work toward less bigotry in general."

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