



# Omaha Catholic Worker Seeking Community Members

## Welcome and Introduction Letter

Greetings and welcome to the Omaha Catholic Worker.

We are pleased that you are considering sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure with us and the Guests, our Brothers, whom we live with and serve. Our Community provides a stable, healthy, safe, quiet, drug and alcohol free, transitional living situation for homeless men. Each of our guests may stay for an open ended length of time according to their needs and collaborated upon with the Catholic Worker community. Each guest accepts the invitation to live with others in this home according to established responsibilities of maintaining order and respect while following the House Rules and Guidelines as set forth by our community.

### COMMUNITY VISION: AIMS & MEANS

The Omaha Catholic Worker Community (OCW) Vision Aims to provide a Hospitality House for up to five (5) Homeless Men. We strive to accomplish our Vision in a 3+ bedroom home that is complete with a living room, a dining room, chapel space, 2 restrooms, a shower, office space, a full basement and a garden. As a Means of providing Hospitality it hopes to share faith, assist each other with our burdens, and increase the quality life for our guests, our community and ourselves by a prayerful and active attention to The Works of Mercy.

The Works of Mercy are an abiding norm for the Catholic Worker Movement. Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, the Catholic Worker co-founders, lived lives of "active love" built on the precepts of the Works of Mercy.

**In Christian tradition they are:**

**The Corporal Works of Mercy:**

- feeding the hungry
- giving drink to the thirsty
- clothing the naked
- offering hospitality to the homeless
- caring for the sick
- visiting the imprisoned
- burying the dead

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

- admonishing the sinner
- instructing the ignorant
- counseling the doubtful
- comforting the sorrowful
- bearing wrongs patiently
- forgiving all injuries

- praying for the living and the dead

## **COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES**

The OCW is currently looking for 2 single Men, 2 single Women or a combination thereof to share the Community Vision. A community member assumes the dual responsibilities of Serving Guests and Developing Community. The space is limited and some community members may share a room with our guests. Before applying, a community member candidate should reflect on themselves to see if they have the Personal Gifts & Strengths needed to fulfill the duties and graces of each dimension of service.

### **Personal Gifts & Strengths – In Developing Community\***

- Ability to work out solutions in a nonviolent way
  - Ability to maintain the rules of the community
  - Ability to encourage cooperation and reduce conflict
- Ability to ask a guest to seek another place to live, if necessary
  - Ability to work at community building and consensus
- Ability to share your personal vision and prayer life with others
- Ability to bring joy, comfort, personalized attention to others in need

*\* Please keep the fact that living and/or serving at the OCW is at personal sacrifice and is an intentional sharing of life together while you reflect upon possible membership.*

### **Personal Gifts & Strengths – In Serving Guests**

- Ability to cook (or eagerness to learn)
  - Ability to supervise guests
- Ability to maintain the rules, boundaries, and order of the community
  - Ability to work out solutions in nonviolent ways
- Ability to encourage cooperation and reduce conflict when necessary
  - Ability to work with mental illness in guests
  - Ability to work with substance abuse in guests
  - Ability to work at community building and consensus
- Ability to be present to our guests in meaningful and spiritual ways

### **Talents & Expectations Needed:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prayerful/Nonviolent Spirit           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pioneering attitude</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Desire to create a new community           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laughter and fun spirit</li> <li>○ Gardening skills</li> <li>○ Cooking skills</li> <li>○ Organizational skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Interpersonal relationship skills</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Desire to serve the poor</li> <li>○ Vocations for Community relations</li> <li>○ Interest in prayer and Catholic Worker spirituality</li> <li>○ Possibility of creating Clarification Thought gatherings</li> </ul> |
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- A consistent presence on Thursday Nite Liturgy Gatherings
- Consistent presence for morning prayer Monday – Friday at 730am
- Periodic Nonviolent witness at OFFUT AFB/ Home of Stratcom

### **What we can offer:**

- **Residential Membership**
  - Free room and board in exchange for a commitment to living full time at the OCW
    - Includes meals
    - Part time Jobs outside of community life are possible
    - Part time classes at Creighton University or UNO are a possible
- **Nonresidential & Internship Memberships**
  - A place to grow in Community
  - A place to grow in Grace
  - A place to grow in Spirituality
  - A place to call a second home

**One does not need to be Catholic, but it helps. This Community is a Christian faith and spirituality based community trying to live the teachings and gospel of Jesus the Nonviolent Christ, and do the Works of Mercy and Resistance of Evil. We welcome you to engage us with questions, comments, and/or concerns as you discern your intentions with the Omaha Catholic Worker. It is with great hope that we will be able to start and carry on a great service in the traditions of Mercy together.**

## **Pax et Bonum.**

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## APPLICATION

(Please complete each section)

*I would like to apply for:*

- Residential Membership     Nonresidential Membership     Internship
- 3 Months  
 6 Months  
 1 Year

***Applicant Information***

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(where you live now)* \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What experiences have you had in serving the poor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you like to do to relax or enjoy in your free time (hobbies, fun, stress relief, etc...):

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What can't you work with and/or deal with personally: \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you see yourself doing in 5 years from now: \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you believe you can uniquely contribute to this community: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you or have you any complications with:**

***Substances Used and/or Abused\****

- Tobacco/Tobacco products
- Beer/Wine
- Hard Liquor
- Inhalants (glue, paint, rush, gasoline, etc.)
- Over the Counter Drugs (over recommended dose)
- Marijuana/Hashish
- Cocaine

- Crack
- Steroids
- Depressants (valium, Quaaludes, etc.)
- Stimulants (uppers, speed, ice, etc.)
- Narcotics (heroin/smack, codeine, morphine, etc.)
- Other (prescription medication, designer drugs: \_\_\_\_\_)

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you or have you any complications with:**

***Legal History\*:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you or have you any complications with:**

***Psychiatric/Counseling History\*:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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\* *Admission does not automatically disqualify candidates*

***Medical History:***

Medical Condition(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Special dietary or Nutritional Needs: Yes ( ) No ( ) If *Yes*, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REFERENCES:**

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Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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***Personal Contact:***

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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*This section to be filled out upon community acceptance*

***Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_  
***SSN:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Emergency Personal Contact:***

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Emergency Medical Contact:***

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Emergency Mental Health Contact:***

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Emergency Spiritual/Religious Contact:***

Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant received and reviewed OCW Guest House Rules document

Applicant accepted membership/internship

Applicant declined membership/internship

OCW Community accepted membership

OCW Community declined membership

ADMISSION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Primary OCW Interviewer Printed Name*

*DATE:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Primary OCW Interviewer's Signature*

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*Additional OCW Interviewers Printed Names*

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