

Sister's Spin

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While it started out as a one day celebration of the dignity of the worker, Labor Day has evolved into a three day event and become known unofficially as "the end of summer." Its importance for Labor is still paramount in the eyes of many, and the Catholic Church can claim a role in stressing the importance of labor by its efforts for the dignity of the worker. Jesus was a worker as we hear in the Gospels--"...Is he not the carpenter's son?..." His friends were workers--fishermen and tax collectors--among them. In the later history of our world, the Catholic Church was the first to speak out for the rights of workers in various encyclicals and pastoral letters, beginning with ***Rerum Novarum*** in 1891. In this year of 2021 dedicated to St. Joseph, it is good to think about each person's role as a laborer in God's vineyard and how what one does in any field of work recreates this world in union with God, our Creator. In this Season of Creation, we give thanks to God for the many talents given to us, and hopefully, one can find a few quiet moments over this weekend to reflect on how we use our talents for the greater honor and glory of God and the good of our neighbors. Have an enjoyable and restful Labor Day Weekend!

-Sister Marcianne

