The Scandal of the Works of Mercy

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Summary: Distinguishes between spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and argues the need to perform them, and not to relinquish such works to the state. Advocates a personalism and distributism as alternatives to capitalism and communism. Also describes the C.W.'s street apostolate and farm retreat houses (DDLW #17).