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Tom Cornell had plenty of time to have those arguments with the Berrigans when they were alive. He couldn't win them then, why does he still think it may count to win them now when they are dead and have no right of reply.

The Berrigans renewal of the Catholic Worker Movement as anti-war/ anti-imperialist nonviolent force gave it a relevancy and an intellectual depth and depth of praxis it would have lacked and before they engaged and is sorely missed now.

The fetishness on what someone did or did not hear Dorothy say on any given day is a poor replacement for theological insight or political analysis. She celebrated Castro (he executed prisoners for Christ's sake!). The willingness to embrace a court jester/ token pacifist in U.S. society is a poor replacement for the prophetic action that is required.

If you've shot your load and can't face the jail time anymore, your role is to be in proactive solidarity with those presently before the courts and in chains...as you your younger self once were.....

PS: Frank's 2 cents ... It is regrettable that the NYC CW would run Tom's long standing, well known minority position on the Berrigans, the Draft Board Raids and the Plowshares movement, an argument he has pretty much lost through the years.

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Ciaron O'Reilly: the Catholic Anarchist Martin Sheen Calls His Hero", counter Punch, Nov 2017

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2017/11/13/ciaron-oreilly-the-catholic-anarchist-martin-sheen-calls-his-hero/>

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