

**Implementation Committee Update—April 2021**  
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“Why did you join the League?”—a common question to be sure. In my experience, one of the more well-known answers is something like, “When I heard of the work the League does petitioning and advocating with government and through resolutions, I wanted to be part of this group of women.” Sound familiar? Under closer examination, members may recognize some small, initial steps that have been taken along this journey to involve more parish councils and members in becoming better advocates for those without a voice. As members of this year’s goal three working groups begin to create their action plan and bring to life the strategies of training members in leading advocacy efforts and improving communication and advocacy with all government levels, this level of engagement will improve and bear much fruit.

The League’s advocacy is rooted in scriptural traditions and Jesus’ mission. Passages like:

- † “Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Prov. 31:8-9)
- † “Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.” (Ps. 82:3)

Jesus clearly stated His mission with these words:

- † “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Lk. 4:18-19)

Through their baptism, members have joined Jesus on this mission. The clearly stated priority of social justice as a core value of the League invites members to be disciples with Jesus and bring to life these realities. Check the progress of these two working groups by regularly visiting the national website and Facebook page for updates.

Join us in moving forward into a future where members work together to bring Jesus’ vision of God’s Kingdom to the church, world, country, governments, families and their personal lives. What a wonderful journey on which these working group members embark revitalizing the League for the next 100 years. Let us begin!

