

## Implementation Committee Update—May 2023

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Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! Indeed, He is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

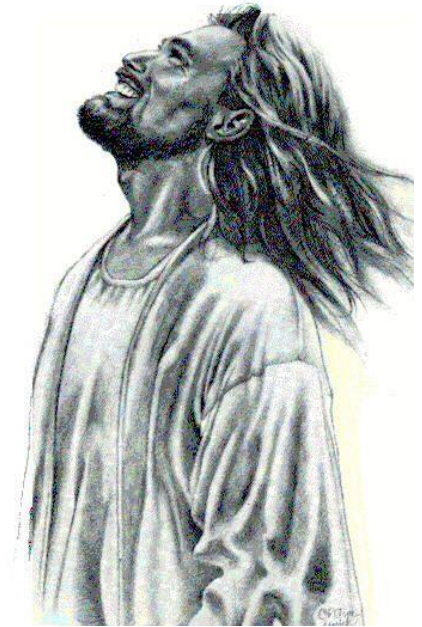
I am writing May's implementation committee update on Easter Monday with this cry ringing fresh in my ears. I cannot help but think of something a professor of scripture once said that is reflected in Fr. John Dear's book, *The Sacrament of Civil Disobedience*. "God raised Jesus from the dead, and this resurrection was the ultimate act of nonviolent civil disobedience. God disobeyed the imperial code of law which says that the empire has the last say: when someone is executed, according to imperial logic, that person is supposed to stay dead. According to the logic of God—the logic of nonviolence—suffering love and truth-telling always lead to resurrection and life."

The Goal 2 advocacy and government collaboration working groups have completed their extensive work and created workshops designed to be used at the parish council level *without* bringing in a facilitator. There is great flexibility in how councils use these resources to best suit their needs.

The advocacy working group's four-part workshop is now available with accompanying notes, handouts, resources and PowerPoints. This workshop (#831) provides the background into why members advocate, whether from their baptismal call, faith tradition in the sacred scriptures or their commitment to building God's kingdom on earth.

The government collaboration working group has prepared a three-part workshop that will be available in the coming weeks, with accompanying notes, handouts, resources and PowerPoints. This workshop gives members the skills to be more successful in working with governments at any level. The focus is on helping members recognize that there are many additional ways to do this for more local, smaller and short-term actions.

Visit the national website regularly for so many other resources that have been prepared for councils to help move the League forward, where it is "a vital participant in the church; a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels; [and] connected to the world." (*The Catholic Women's League of Canada Plans Strategically*).



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