

Implementation Committee Update – March 2022
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Members are Trinitarian people! Consider the three themes that are coming together at this unique point in church history:

1. the resurfacing of the focus on being the people of God as witnessed in the early church (Book of Acts)
2. the remembering of the call to be the “people of God” as presented in the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* (“Through Baptism and Confirmation all are appointed to this apostolate [a sharing in the church’s saving mission] by the Lord himself”).
3. Pope Francis’ call to listen to God’s Spirit speaking to every baptized Christian through the “listening phase” of his Synod on Synodality.

One thread that binds these three together is social justice and Catholic social teachings. The Year 3 advocacy working group (Margot de la Gorgendiere, Glenda Klein, Sylvia Jurys and Diane Lemay) is working hard on the workshop resource script that will be available to members and enable them to be more confident and successful in advocating. The tools contained in the resource will encourage members to live their faith locally on less complicated, short-term projects. Some of the content will educate members around the rootedness of advocacy in their baptism, the Vatican Council and of course, tradition and scriptures. Please keep your eyes open for it to be posted on the national website later this year!

The government collaboration working group (Ruth Boden, Diane Cote, Janice Graham-Migel and Claudette Langdon) has likewise completed its research into resources for use in its workshops, identified content topics and is writing the script for this resource. These workshops, of which there will be two, will focus on how councils can better work with governments at all levels. It will empower members to recognize that they can work together with governments in an ongoing relationship on national resolutions and local matters of concern. One workshop will specifically target young people and how they can collaborate with government. The second workshop will specifically target use at the parish council level.

The Year 2 Catholic social teaching working group (Shelley de Serres, Belinda Halbach and Linda Maddaford) is in the home stretch of its work. As members read this, two more documents on key principles (Option for the Poor and Vulnerable and Life and Dignity of the Human Person) have been submitted for approval and release at a future date on the national website. The remaining three key principles (Community and the Common Good, Rights and Responsibilities and the Call to Family Community and Participation and Subsidiarity) are being prepared and will be completed before the end of the summer. These women cannot be thanked enough for the great gifts they are leaving the League and anyone who visits the national website to view, download and use these resources ([Catholic Social Teaching Resources](#)) for their spiritual growth and commitment to walk “The Way” of discipleship.

“A major thrust of the Second Vatican Council is that the whole People of God is now the emphasis: a communion, a joint membership of every individual by virtue of the sacrament of baptism” (Moira McQueen, *Walking Together: A Primer on the New Synodality*).