

## Nonviolence: Power for Justice and Peace *Webinar*

In his 2017 World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis called for **nonviolence** to *“become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.”*

If you are ready to learn more about this often-misunderstood concept, and the hope it offers a tired, violent world, you are invited to share ninety minutes with us in a live online format.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn key parts of the history of Church teaching on peace and war up to the present moment, emphasizing the current teaching on nonviolence
- Understand the skillsets of nonviolent power, and how they forge a realistic path from the Sermon on the Mount, through the harsh realities of a violent world, in both domestic and foreign affairs, to the reign of God among us.
- Take the first steps toward adopting nonviolent power to create the relationships and the world we seek.



The program consists of a presentation on Church history up to this New Moment, followed by an introduction to the history, theory, science, and current practice of nonviolence. There will be time for questions and discussion, and a brief exercise in how to begin allowing this information to power your life.

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