

**Laudato Si 10th Anniversary Advocacy Summit**  
**April 7th, Sacramento, California**  
**University Student and Faculty Participation Options**

**Leadership Team:** 10- 20 students per school will go through 3-5 weekday evening prep sessions and take the lead in crafting the public witness that will happen at the Capitol.

Skills to be focused on:

- Understanding and articulating climate action through Laudato Si' - the basic theology of the encyclical, the tradition of Catholic witness and basics of Catholic Social Teaching
- Legislative analysis- the details of a bill, who it will impact and what it means, how to track its progress through the legislature and understand the steps needed to get it passed.
- Personal testimony and public narrative- how to craft a personal narrative for public mobilization that is concise and effective.
- The craft and logistics of designing a public witness - agenda design, crowd control, managing speakers, engaging elected officials etc.
- Follow up and network organizing- how do you keep people engaged after the event
- How to recruit and turnout people to mass movement
- Media- designing a press release and advisory, working with media, prepping speakers and getting the narrative out there after the event

**Prep sessions are: Wednesdays Feb 12, Feb 26, Mar 12, and Mar 26 | 6:30 PM PST**

**Day of Activists:** These students can experience local training in class or through clubs, or can just attend the day of the event without in-depth preparation.. They will be asked to participate in 1 weekday prep session and then attendance the day of the action.

Professors will have access to the following trainings which they may choose to incorporate into class time or ask students to get trained in. These skills will be useful for both participation in advocacy during their time in Sacramento and are transferable to work on other advocacy projects.

- Legislative analysis- the details of a bill, who it will impact and what it means
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- Doing legislative advocacy meetings- personal testimony, policy asks, sharing statistics, making an ask and responding to push back
- Catholic Social Teaching and the theology of Laudato Si'
- Turnout: How to recruit and turnout people to mass movement

We can offer a 2 hour workshop for faculty if they wish or just invite students to the prep session in early April.