Encounter for Our Common Home Webinar #2: The Legislative Encounter (How do we advocate?)

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This is the second of two webinars for the Encounter for Our Common Home campaign. To watch a recording of webinar 1 (“Faith and Reason”), please visit www.GodsPlanet.us/advocacy

The webinar is being recorded and a link to the recording will be sent to everyone who registered within the next 24-48 hours.

Please type your questions in the Q/A box. If you know who the question is directed to, please add that information to your question.
A Prayer for Witness

Spirit of God,
We have heard your call to share in building up the Kingdom of God.
Fill us with the desire to change ourselves and to change the world.
Enflame our passion for justice into a commitment to address unjust situations and structures.
Deepen our concern for our sisters and brothers who endure the burdens of poverty, war, exploitation and persecution.
Let us enthusiastically play our part in the mission of the Church in the modern world.
Banish any complacency in our hearts and minds.
Teach us to recognize the lack of justice.
May we always act in the Spirit of justice.
May we envisage, pray about and create a different sort of world
in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care.
Enlivened by the Spirit, may we go forth in the peace of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord.
Amen

~Australian Catholic Social Justice Council
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An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it…

The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed “the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,” the Church, “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.”
Our Role in the Legislative Process

- In-Person Issue Visits from Constituents: 94%
- Contact from Constituents’ Reps: 94%
- Individualized Email Messages: 92%
- Individualized Postal Letters: 88%
- Local Editorial Referencing Issue Pending: 87%
- Comments During Telephone Town Hall: 87%
- Phone Calls: 84%
- Letter to the Editor Referencing Your Boss: 83%
- Visit From a Lobbyist: 83%
- Form Email Messages: 56%
- Groups Social Media Platforms: 51%
- Your Office's Social Media Platforms: 50%
- Form Postal Letters: 50%
- Petitions: 49%
- Postcards: 42%

What is the road map of a successful encounter?

Encounter for Our Common Home
Legislative Encounter Template

Roles:
• Facilitator
• Prayer Leader
• Discussion Coordinator 1
• “Asker”
• Note-taker
• Photo documenter: https://bit.ly/EncounterPhotos
• Discussion Coordinator 2
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Legislative Encounter Template

Agenda (30-minute meeting):
1. Introductions
2. Request for prayer or moment of silence
3. Summary of the issue
4. The ask
5. Discussion
6. Closing
Questions?
Encounter Campaign: Next Steps!

- Sign up for the campaign if you have not yet done so!
  - www.Godsplanet.us

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