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PROTECT THE PROTECTORS oin in a peaceful protest against the treatment of the Lakota Sioux. **PIAZZA TRILUSSA** 8PM 22/02/2017

A big thanks to the students at American University in Rome and John Cabot University for organizing the beautiful sit-in and demonstration – with chants, dances, personal testimonies – held in Rome on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, at the Fontana di Trilussa, from 6:30pm to 9pm.

In introducing the event, the lead organizer said: "This is the first time I've ever tried to stage a demonstration." You wouldn't have believed it.

Unfortunately, as the demonstration was ending, news started coming in of the lockdown the Army was putting into practice at Standing Rock. Supply lines have been cut and video equipment is no longer permitted – but, without images, the standoff will cease to exist in the collective consciousness. Earlier this month, a judge denied the request of two tribes to halt the pipeline construction. Some of the demonstrators, who have been defying the snow and freezing cold for weeks, have decided to set fire to their tents in protest. The situation looks grim.

But the demonstration held by a group of U.S. citizens living in far-away Rome testified that the values that the tribal peoples have been fighting for are commonly shared. They will live on.