



Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement

*Bringing **Laudato Si'** to life in the Metro New York area*

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Dear colleagues, friends and supporters,

As the year draws to a close, we can all look back and can see some things we've accomplished and look forward to some things we'd like to add to the list for the coming year.

All of us in the Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement network of parishes have accomplished something, whether it's initiating some activity in our parish or it's continuing to sponsor some major events to draw people closer in to embrace *Laudato Si'* and care for the environment.

And we did - and do - this work to say with our actions that, in spite of the president pulling us out of the Paris Accord, we are following our conscience and saying "We are still in!" Though we are discouraged by the stark reality of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report, we are encouraged by Pope Francis' naming this a "climate emergency" and always calling us to consider its impact on the most vulnerable. He calls us to think of our consumer patterns, our life style choices, and our commitment to the common good.

We have indicated "we are still in" with our events on *Laudato Si'*, the Amazon, environmental health issues, with the monthly Sustainable Sunday events, support for city and state green legislation, and by highlighting the Season of Creation in our parishes; but also with our feet marching with the Climate Strikers, and by embracing Greta Thunberg and the youth in their concern for their futures. We also indicate it with the myriad of individual actions that each of us carry out to demonstrate our care for God's creation and to live *Laudato Si'* in our daily lives.

Here's wishing you the blessings of the season and prayerful hope for the year ahead as we step up our commitment to action to meet this challenge.

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