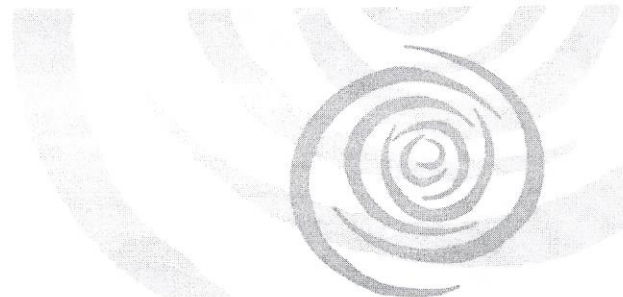


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His Holiness Pope Francis
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On Occasion of the 26 November 2014 General Audience attended by the
World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE) and EUROSOLAR



Your Holiness

We respectfully submit to you this urgent petition to declare solar and all sustainable use of renewable energy as healing force in alleviating social, environmental and economic ills. This Petition aims for joint development and execution of a 100% renewable energy commitment by the Catholic Church, as model for all other faiths. We especially petition you for

A) a Global Papal Renewable Energy Action Program founded on

1. the Scripture with regard the sanctity of Creation by slowing climate change, ending pollution and the threat of depleting nonrenewable energies,
2. deploying renewable energy to eradicate poverty, boosting health and supporting social equity,
3. the declared UN SE4All Decade, and the Catholic Church's commitment to global and local sustainability, and
4. the UN Millennium Goals and the Church's engagement in broad and positive human development.

B) a Church-wide Renewable Facilities Management Edict – to commit the Church's network of churches and all other built assets and facilities to be 100% renewable energy powered, carrying renewable energy as a leading force for the good, part of a worldwide Solar and Renewable Energy and Efficiency Strategy to globally express and visibly lead in the realization of best practice towards a Renewable World. This change can be self financing in a short period of time.

EUROSOLAR has been honoured to work with the Vatican since 2008 in planning and helping implement the solar roof for the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall. The State of the Vatican City is recipient of the 2008 European Solar Prize, awarded each year by EUROSOLAR.

We look forward to working with Your Holiness in carrying this seed of hope in proliferating renewable energy worldwide.

On behalf of the EUROSOLAR Boards and the WCRE Chairperson's Committee:

Respectfully yours,

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