



## **“We Are the Light of The World” Follow-up Information and Resources**

As Catholics, we are called to speak out and advocate for investments in renewable energy like wind and solar because:

- Renewable energy is often more cost-effective than traditional fossil fuels. Shifting to renewable energy helps reduce electricity costs and fosters economic growth by creating hundreds of thousands of new, well-paying local jobs.
- Adopting more diversified and stable energy sources in renewables will decrease our need to import fossil fuels, thereby enhancing national security.
- Transitioning to clean and renewable energy also brings significant public health benefits. Reducing pollution from fossil fuel energy leads to fewer health issues such as respiratory diseases and lower overall healthcare costs. Cleaner air contributes to better mental health and a higher quality of life.
- Transitioning to renewable energy will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which benefits the environment and helps to tackle climate change.

### **Advocacy**

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/EarthDay2025Advocacy/index.html>

### **Laudate Deum**

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html)

### **Energy Policy podcasts**

<https://www.energypolicy.columbia.edu/podcasts/>

<https://godsplanet.us/>

<https://maryknollogc.org/>

<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/mercy-for-justice/action-alerts/?vvsrsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f126893%2fRespond%3fvvsrn%3dBYOE3AWpACt-eAw8rvf7FAA>