



Archbishop Wenski giving interview  
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**Catholic Climate Covenant<sup>SM</sup>**  
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Executive Director Dan Misleh speaking about climate security



Pope Francis at the closing Mass in Philadelphia  
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Catholic Climate Covenant inspires and equips Catholic people and institutions to work toward climate solutions. Together with our partners, Catholic Climate Covenant catalyzed real, faith-inspired progress in 2015.

## RAISING CATHOLIC VOICES ON CLIMATE

Catholics care about climate change. In 2015, Pope Francis inspired the world with his landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. We were central to amplifying his message.

- We convened faith and secular stakeholders to identify critical themes and coordinate public support from key leaders.
- We conducted media trainings to prepare the U.S. bishops, key messengers of support, which helped generate statements from 110 bishops.
- We helped organize 2 press conferences at the National Press Club, and 5 additional press conferences in selected states.
- Our work was featured in 3,000+ media stories.

Raising these voices matters. Highly visible Catholic leadership encourages Catholic people and their elected representatives to act.

*"I know Catholic Climate Covenant is doing good work."*  
- Cardinal Peter Turkson, President, Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace



## GROWING GRASSROOTS CAPACITY

Informing and inspiring community leaders to take action is essential to achieving the Church's vision on climate change.

- We equipped 550 local champions to lead Feast of St. Francis educational events in their parishes and communities.
- We developed resources and leadership training for 140 Creation Care Teams, which drive concrete results in their parishes.
- We helped our supporters send over 10,000 messages to public officials and others urging action on climate change.

"Catholic Climate Covenant has been the cornerstone for our activities . . . Having a Catholic voice makes a big difference to our parishioners."

- Katia, a Creation Care Team leader in California

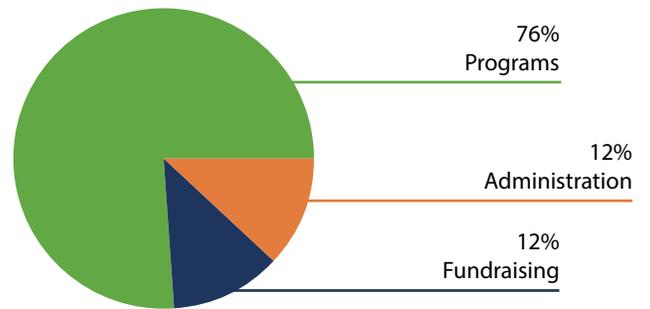
## PARTNERING FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Catholic Climate Covenant is at the center of the American Catholic community's efforts to solve climate change. We arose from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and we work with our 14 national partners, state Catholic conferences, and local leaders to make a real impact.

- We convened a one-of-a-kind conference on Laudato Si' that opened a dialogue between theologians and ministry professionals, a powerful jumpstart to live these teachings.
- We are a primary source of information and inspiration, and our staff members remain nationally sought speakers on the Church's response to climate change.

## 2015 EXPENSES

Total: \$624,978



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to your generous support we were able to expand our programs threefold in 2015. We are poised to keep this momentum going in 2016.

Please pray that the moral call to end climate change will continue to stir the hearts of Catholics and all people. Pray that those with the greatest ability to create change will use their influence wisely. And pray that those most vulnerable to the effects of our changing climate will be safe and healthy as we work together to care for God's creation.

Thank you for considering a financial contribution to support this work. Visit [CatholicClimateCovenant.org](http://CatholicClimateCovenant.org)



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