



MEDIA ADVISORY

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**NEARLY 600 U.S. CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS DECLARE “WE ARE STILL IN”
ON THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

Catholic Leaders to Discuss Stepping Into the Void Left by the Trump Administration on the Third Anniversary of Pope Francis’ Encyclical Laudato Si’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Monday, June 18, at 10:00 a.m. ET (7:00 a.m. PT), Bishop Richard Pates will join other Catholic leaders to announce that the [Catholic Climate Declaration has been signed by hundreds of Catholic institutions](#). The declaration affirms the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, echoes the [U.S. bishops’ disappointment](#) with the Trump Administration’s announced withdrawal, and reiterates the Church’s well-established moral and non-partisan call for climate action in caring for our common home and our one human family – especially among poor and vulnerable communities.

Three years ago (June 18, 2015), Pope Francis released his encyclical Laudato Si’ to influence the Paris Agreement negotiations. With the Catholic Climate Declaration – signed by cardinals and other bishops, college and university presidents, health care executives, leaders of religious communities and many others on behalf of their institutions – the U.S. Catholic community affirms “[We Are Still In](#)” when it comes to the Paris Agreement and the actions required to protect our common home.

Speakers will express a groundswell of Catholic support for addressing climate change through the Paris Agreement and highlight local actions taken to reduce carbon pollution. They will also reiterate the moral responsibility to act on climate to ensure future generations and vulnerable communities can breathe clean air and drink clean water.

WHAT: U.S. Catholic Leaders to Announce the Catholic Climate Declaration on the Three-Year Anniversary of Pope Francis’ Ecological Encyclical

WHEN: Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. ET (7:00 a.m. PT)

WHERE: Audience U.S. Toll Free: 1 (888) 862-6557 Code: 47136946

WHO:

- **Call Host: Mr. Dan Misleh**, Executive Director of Catholic Climate Covenant (CCC)
- **Bishop Richard Pates**, Diocese of Des Moines and Bishop Liaison to CCC
- **Sister Sharlet Wagner, CSC**, President-elect of Leadership Conference of Women Religious
- **Father Daniel Hendrickson, SJ, PhD.**, President of Creighton University
- **Ms. Rachelle Reyes Wenger**, Director of Public Policy and Community Advocacy, Dignity Health

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