

Today, Pope Francis met with fossil fuel CEOs and their major investors in the Vatican. In very clear terms, he [told](#) them, “**Faced with a climate emergency, we must take action accordingly.**”

This is big. Activists like Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion have been calling governments to recognize the climate crisis for what it is: an emergency that threatens us like a house on fire.

THIS EMERGENCY NEEDS RADICAL SOLUTIONS

Pope Francis also made a **ground-breaking first call to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius**. Past 1.5 degrees, the effects of climate change become catastrophic.

Pope Francis told the fossil fuel titans that “**only one decade or so remains** in order to achieve this confinement of global warming . . . **a radical energy transition is needed to save our common home.**”

As Laudato Si' Animators, we need to respond to Pope Francis' call to be radically prophetic, call the Church to action, and be part of the needed rapid and just transition away from fossil fuels. We need you to take action:

- **Share the message.** Let your community know about Pope Francis declaration of a climate emergency. You can share [this facebook post](#), or the [text of Pope Francis' speech](#).
- **Ask Catholic institutions from your area to divest from fossil fuels.** Fossil fuel companies continue to expand fossil fuel production with 1 million km of new oil and gas wells expected over the next five years. Catholic institutions need to take a stand and refuse to profit from fossil fuel companies. Ask your Diocese, university, or religious order to [be part of the next fossil fuel divestment announcement](#) on Sept. 10.
- **Join the climate strikes on Sept. 20.** The next [global climate strikes](#) will be on Sept. 20, during the Season of Creation, and before world leaders come together to discuss the climate crisis. Plan to bring the message of Laudato Si' to the strikes and call for bold action.
- **Join our Animator and Chapter Leader calls.** On June 18 at 9:00PM EDT ([check your time zone and register here](#)) we will come together to share more information on these campaigns and others, and have an opportunity to share how we are taking action in our own communities.

Let's step up and be as prophetic as Pope Francis requested today.