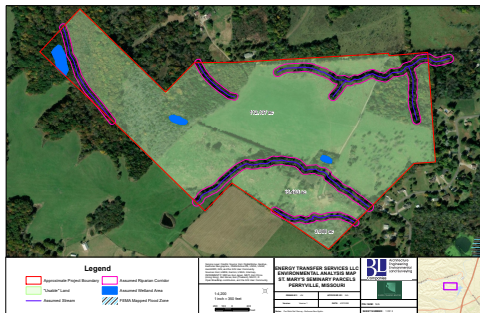


CATHOLIC ENERGIES NEWS

Proud to serve as project developer to enable economic and environmental benefits for the following Catholic properties

COVID-19 Update

We know first hand how Catholic organizations are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many Catholics are struggling physically, emotionally and financially. The most impactful service the Catholic Energies program can offer is to help Catholic organizations mitigate financial burdens by creating direct cost savings. By successfully securing the capital to pay for your solar and energy efficiency projects, we seek to create long term, lower cost of energy across your real estate portfolio so that those savings can be used for mission-related priorities. We remain committed to this service and continue to pray for a swift healing and recovery.



Congregation of the Mission, Western Province are Vincentian priests and brothers providing ministry to the poor throughout the western United States and in Kenya, East Africa. The Vincentians have asked Catholic Energies to help develop and fund a utility-scale solar array across approximately 155 acres of open land they own in Perryville, MO, southeast of St. Louis. The property could produce up to 30-40 MW of solar power.

Laudato Si' Week is May 16-24 commemorating the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical. The Catholic Energies program was largely inspired in response to the challenges outlined in Laudato Si'. Catholic communities also embraced this idea of living up to the challenges of Laudato Si' and Catholic teaching on the creation care. One of our many clients, the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters, put it this way:

"The Feast of St Francis, Patron Saint, has been annually designated by Pope Francis as 'The Season of Creation'. This is a time when people throughout the world are called upon to reflect on the care of Earth, our common home, and to take action to protect and honor creation. During September, 2019 work began on the installation of rooftop solar panels on our Motherhouse. As we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th, we celebrated the fact that these solar panels would reduce our carbon footprint, thereby helping the environment, while also lowering our energy costs. This project, together with past actions like the planting of native Illinois prairie grasses, a butterfly garden, and a pine grove on the property, all reflect our commitment to caring for Earth, our common home." S. Beatrice Hernandez, Wheaton Franciscan Sisters JPIC Coordinator

Catholic Energies is a project development service of Catholic Climate Covenant. We empower Catholic organizations nationwide to put faith into action to protect our common home.

Our Mission is to provide Catholic organizations with trusted expertise to develop, install and fund renewable energy and energy efficiency projects without upfront capital from the organization.

We do the work for busy Catholic officials, initially designing and modeling projects, vetting technologies and solar contractors, and finding investors or other suitable financing for each project per the organization's preferences.

The primary goals for Catholic organizations we work with are:

1. *Install practical solar and energy efficiency projects without needing to raise and spend upfront capital*
2. *Lower operating expenses and risk by paying for less expensive, more reliable renewable power*
3. *Receive available market-based income, where applicable, from underutilized land and property*
4. *Put stewardship for God's creation into practice*

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia continues to expand its commitment to renewable energy. Catholic Energies is in the early stages of developing a utility scale solar farm on the front of their 90 acre retreat property between 5-6 MW in size. Through cooperation with the state utilities, we aim to develop one of the first diocesan solar projects nationally whereby diocesan-owned land is used to generate renewable power at scale to benefit multiple diocesan properties with lower energy costs while also providing the retreat with long term and annual land rental income to maintain its valuable services.



THE PASSIONISTS
St. Paul of the Cross Province

The Passionists of St. Paul of the Cross Province own a portfolio of

parishes, retreat and spiritual centers, monasteries and residences across the eastern United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. Leveraging the size of their portfolio to secure third party capital to pay for the project installations, Catholic Energies is currently in the design/build stage for a large solar carport at their Immaculate Conception Monastery in Queens, NY, a solar ground array at their Holy Family retreat in West Hartford, CT, and a roof top installation at their St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh, PA.

Updates To Our Last Newsletter

- ✦ *Three project installations for the **Diocese of Arlington (Va)** will take place this summer: St. Bernadette, Church of the Nativity, and St. Anthony of Padua*
- ✦ *The Church of St. Therese project is under construction and five more projects for the **Diocese of Richmond (Va)** will be completed this summer - Roanoke Catholic High School, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Diocese Pastoral Center, Sacred Heart Church and St Pius X Church*

