



Palazzo San Calisto, 22 December 2023

Dear Cardinal Cupich and your co-workers in ministry:

The peace of Christ!

With very great joy and gratitude, we receive the good news that the Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to using 100% renewable energy starting in January 2024! This action is an excellent response to Pope Francis's calls in *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum* for the global community to drastically reduce our carbon emissions. Putting your Catholic faith into practice in this way is a prophetic sign that will no doubt encourage many other dioceses in the United States and beyond to consider similar commitments.

We also acknowledge and thank you and many who are working for the care of creation in the Archdiocese for participating in the Laudato Si' Action Platform and working towards the Laudato Si' Goals. May such efforts to live out our ecological conversion inspire others, all of whom LSAP is very ready to welcome on the platform.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is helping the whole Church to face the global climate crisis. In addition, we gratefully recognize your many courageous and resolute efforts to uplift the dignity of the human person and care for the least and marginalized, including the vulnerable migrants arriving in Chicago. May you continue to couple integral human development with care for our common home, and may God abundantly bless the efforts of everyone in Chicago working hard to bring the Gospel to society!

Sending heartfelt and prayerful greetings for a blessed Christmas and a more peaceful New Year!

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