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**2020 June: Vatican Asks Catholics to Ditch Fossil Fuel Investments.** [**https://www.ecowatch.com/vatican-fossil-fuels-divest-2646208168.html?utm\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\_campaign=f427deacf0-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_COPY\_01&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_49c7d43dc9-f427deacf0-85369701**](https://www.ecowatch.com/vatican-fossil-fuels-divest-2646208168.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=f427deacf0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-f427deacf0-85369701)

**2020 May: Largest ever divestment from fossil fuels:** [**https://350.org/breaking-biggest-ever-joint-divestment-from-fossil-fuels/**](https://350.org/breaking-biggest-ever-joint-divestment-from-fossil-fuels/)

**2019 September: 15 new Catholic institutions and seven Protestant institutions are divesting from fossil fuels.** These are worldwide $11 million new divestments and news presented by Global Catholic Climate Movement encouraging more divestments and joining next Friday's Climate Strikes. This two-minute video shows hope in the effort: [**https://www.facebook.com/GlobalCatholicClimateMovement/videos/2240799546029815/**](https://www.facebook.com/GlobalCatholicClimateMovement/videos/2240799546029815/)

**2018 December: Some religious entities are among the 1,000 commitments to divest:** [**https://gofossilfree.org/major-milestone-1000-divestment-commitments/?fbclid=IwAR3J72WMN-Sl\_UeMzl7PG0TdV\_Q9RjBY95jAgftO7ptkdQDjc\_OsnaDTZsI**](https://gofossilfree.org/major-milestone-1000-divestment-commitments/?fbclid=IwAR3J72WMN-Sl_UeMzl7PG0TdV_Q9RjBY95jAgftO7ptkdQDjc_OsnaDTZsI)

**2018 October: Archbishop Desmond Tutu called for divesting from fossil fuel companies.** He said: “People of conscience need to break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change.”

**2018 April: Some Catholic entities are taking smart actions that can help local efforts.** Pope Francis make some great climate protection statements. Catholic efforts are popping up in various places:

* Caritas Internationalis’ president, H.E. Cardinal Luis Tagle said: “The poor are suffering greatly from the climate crisis and fossil fuels are among the main drivers of this injustice. That is why Caritas Internationalis has decided not to invest in fossil fuels anymore. We encourage our member organizations and other groups or organizations connected to the Church to do the same.” See story: [**https://gofossilfree.org/top-catholic-institutions-divest/**](https://gofossilfree.org/top-catholic-institutions-divest/)
* This was reported in 2017: [**https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/oct/03/catholic-church-to-make-record-divestment-from-fossil-fuel**s](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/oct/03/catholic-church-to-make-record-divestment-from-fossil-fuels)
* Catholic sisters sometimes were the leaders who convinced Catholic institutions to start divesting from fossil fuels: [**https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/10/03/40-catholic-institutions-plan-divest-fossil-fuels**](https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/10/03/40-catholic-institutions-plan-divest-fossil-fuels)