



Board of Directors

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In keeping with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, the leadership of Pope Francis, and the mission and vision of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS), the Board of Directors issues this public position expressing our deep regret and disappointment in the United States of America's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord:

Given that President Donald Trump's June 1, 2017 decision runs directly counter to the vision for care of creation presented by Pope Francis in his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, among other ecclesial documents,* we stand with the international community of scientists, academics, and citizens of the world, who recognize the impact of climate change on all of creation, particularly the world's most vulnerable citizens. As such, we commit to stand with global and local leaders who act in a manner that promote environmental stewardship that meets or surpasses the previously held commitment of the United States to the Paris Climate Agreement. Furthermore, we commit to supporting critical, theological reflections that advance ecological consciousness and the common good.

* *Pacem in Terris* (1963), n. 2–5; *Octogesima Adveniens* (1971), n. 21. See also Catholic Climate Covenant at www.catholicclimatecovenant.org