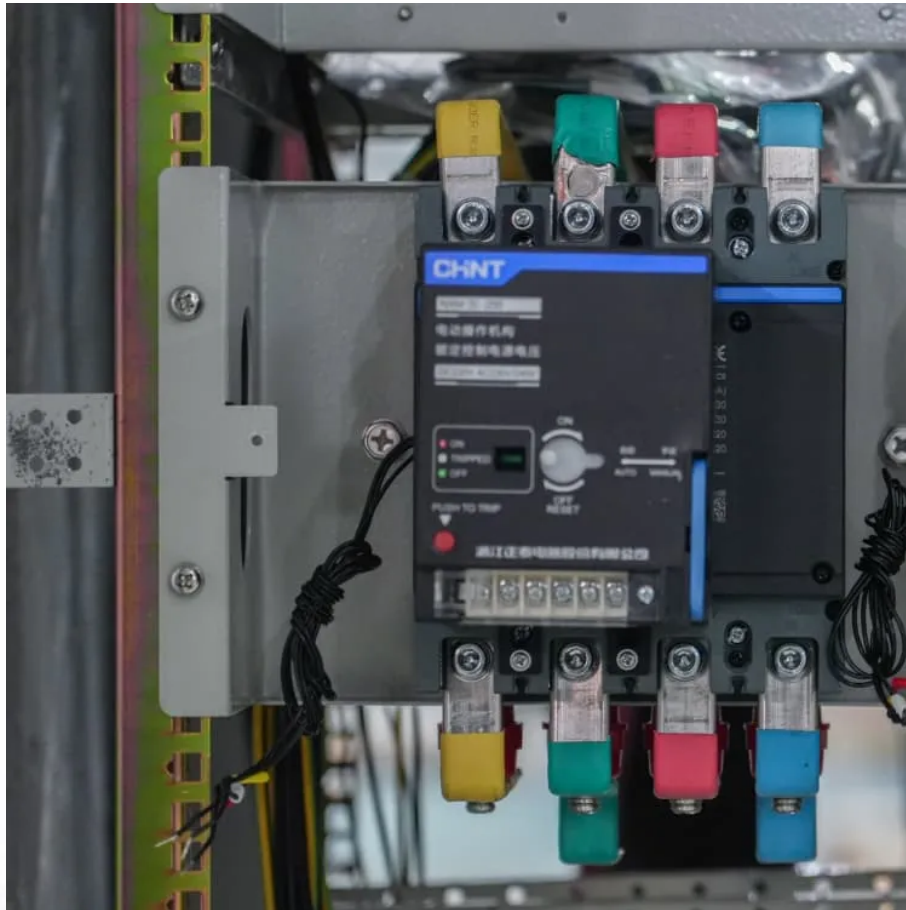


# Vatican Solar Energy Storage Project





## Overview

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Why does the Vatican have a solar system?

The Vatican's solar shift is a culmination of a political and spiritual mission years in the making. In 2024, the late Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter ordering the construction of an agrivoltaic solar plant to supply the Vatican with energy from Santa Maria di Galeria. On the same site, the new solar infrastructure now stands.

Does Vatican City have solar power?

Yes. Vatican City has joined Albania, Bhutan, Nepal, Paraguay, Iceland, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo to become one of just eight countries in the world to generate 100% of its electricity from renewable sources. Several church organizations around the world are making the move to solar.

Why did Acea install a solar energy system in Vatican City?

This project was carried out by ACEA, an Italian utility company, which installed systems to meet all of the Vatican's energy demands. What makes this significant is not the size, but that Vatican City is only 0.49km<sup>2</sup>, and there was no loud campaign, no press tour, just action set in stone and implemented.

How will the Vatican's new energy system work?

According to the Vatican's press office, the installation will apply the most advanced solutions currently available, balancing clean energy generation with the preservation of agricultural use, the region's hydrogeological stability, and the protection of its cultural and archaeological heritage (ZENIT News / Rome, 08.01.2025).-

Will Vatican City become a fully solar-powered state in 2025?

By May 29th, 2025, that vision was fulfilled, and the Vatican City became one



of the only fully solar-powered states in the world, setting a clear precedent on how belief and sustainability can align.

Why is Maasin Diocese installing solar panels?

The Maasin diocese was recognized as the first in the world to equip its churches with solar panels. By installing solar panels in our 42 parish churches, the diocese will try to avoid 191 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions over the next 25 years through the generation of solar power.



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### From electrosmog to photovoltaics: how the Vatican is going green

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### Pope orders construction of agrivoltaic plant for the Vatican

With the Apostolic Letter "Fratello sole," issued motu proprio, Pope Francis provides for the construction of an agrivoltaic plant in the extraterritorial zone of Santa Maria in ...

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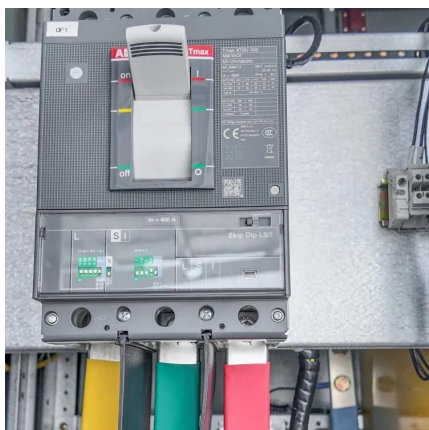


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### **Vatican strikes solar farm deal to become the world's first carbon**

Italy agreed Thursday to a Vatican plan to turn a 430-hectare (1,000-acre) field north of Rome, once the source of controversy between the two, into a vast solar farm.

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The heart of this change is located at Santa Maria di Galeria, a former Vatican Radio site that has been transformed into a solar energy hub. This project was carried out by ...

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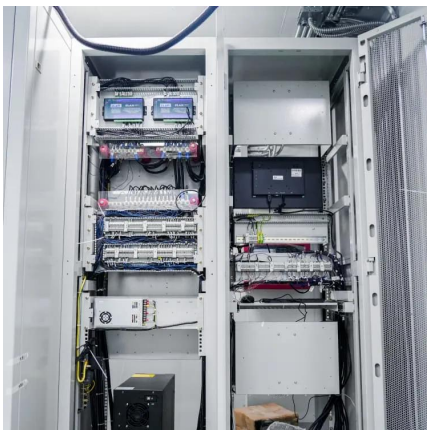
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### Pope orders construction of solar plant to power the Vatican

Pope Francis has ordered the construction of a solar power plant to supply the Vatican's electricity needs. He did so with the apostolic letter in the form of Motu proprio ...

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### Vatican solar farm will make it the world's first carbon

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