

## NOVEMBER 2016

### RUSHING THE SEASON—RECYCLING DECORATIVE LIGHTS!

For the fifth year, the Res Green Team is offering parishioners and others the opportunity to recycle your old Christmas tree lights which no longer show their glow. Don't TRASH those lights as you decorate your trees in this mild weather. NOT for the landfill! Rather, all the rest of November and December, bring cords and lights to the marked tables inside the church entrance—starting today, Nov. 20. Look for the collection containers and snowman/signs and toss into collection containers. BTW, please remove them from plastic bags before pitching in. In January, the mountain of lights will be transported to the city's recycling center for you by the Green Team. And thank you.

### COP22 —JUST A BUNCH OF LETTERS & NUMBERS?

On Dec. 12 last year, the annual international **Conference of Parties\*** met in Paris and drafted **The Paris Agreement of 2015**. The language of the agreement was adopted by representatives from 195 countries – including the United States – at the 21st COP.

Last month, **COP22** was held in Morocco and continued to address greenhouse gases emissions mitigation to be enacted starting in 2020. Pope Francis challenged and encouraged the world-wide gathering of delegates regarding “the grave ethical and moral responsibility [to] act without delay in a manner as free as possible from political and economic pressures” in their efforts to combat climate change, he said.

“The Paris Agreement has traced a clear path on which the entire international community is called to engage...It affects all humanity, especially the poorest and future generations who represent the most vulnerable component of the troubling impact of climate change.”

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