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VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis appointed two special commissioners to start work on building an agrivoltaic system on a Vatican property outside of Rome that could supply the whole of Vatican City's energy needs.

Pope Francis has given orders to construct the agrivoltaic plant (the land will be used both for agriculture and solar panels) in the area Santa Maria di Galeria, the 424-hectare site where Vatican Radio installed the broadcasting equipment, thanks to a 1951 agreement between the Holy See and the Italian State.

Pope Francis has renewables on his mind as he says he wants Vatican City to run on solar power. To achieve his aim, solar panels will be installed on a Vatican-owned property outside Rome.

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"Fratello Sole" involves the construction of a solar plant in the extraterritorial area of Santa Maria di Galeria. This plant will power the Vatican radio station and provide energy to the entire Vatican City (an estimated population of approximately 825 people).

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Providing energy for Vatican City State. The agrivoltaic plant will make use of the Holy See's property at Santa Maria di Galeria. Located on the edge of Rome, the 424-hectare site houses the transmission facilities for Vatican Radio, thanks to a 1951 agreement between the Holy See and the Italian State.

Pope Francis has commissioned an agrivoltaic plant to be located in the extraterritorial area of Santa Maria di Galeria that will ensure the complete energy sustenance of Vatican City.



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