

## BLOG FROM PARIS COP 21 - Number 11

### ALMOST THE END



Final negotiations are under way at Le Bourget. Europe and the G77 (the developing nations) are agreed - the question is whether or not the UMBRELLA nations (Australia and the other non-European developed nations), and the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) will come on board. 48 hours to go.

Fr Nigel and I have spent two days at Le Bourget. The first picture shows Nigel at the iconic flag display outside the main conference venue, with a couple of new found friends from North America impressed by a presentation he gave. We also spent time with folk from the Episcopal Church of the USA (pictured behind the COP21 sign) and attended a seminar on local government, which today was focussing on Oceania. This may sound strange, but it is clear that in Oceania local government in many cases is well ahead of State and Federal Governments. We heard an excellent presentation from Canberra, of all places, and Auckland, about the work being done there. So once again it reinforces the idea that a grass roots approach, starting from the bottom up, is more likely to work, in the hope that our Government might then follow our lead.

To end a busy day, Fr Nigel gave another interview, broadcast live. So our time in Paris is ending quite busily!

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