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2018 “Care for Creation”

Essay Contest

Pope Francis’ Encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, provides beautiful reflections on life, humanity, and our call to care for the world in which we live.

As part of its First Step to Service project, Catholic Charities is sponsoring a “Care for Creation” Essay Contest. The contest is open to all high school students (grades 9-12) in the Diocese of Youngstown.

Essays must consist of no more than 500 words and consider one of the following topics:

- ◆ How has God’s gift of creation touched your life?
- ◆ Who is a person that inspires you to care for creation?
- ◆ What challenges do we face today in caring for creation?
- ◆ Which scripture passage most inspires you to care for others? Why?
- ◆ Would students in the year 2118 say that people in 2018 were effective stewards of creation? Why or why not?

Please complete the form below and include this page with essay submission:

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Student Phone Number: _____ Student Email Address: _____

School Name: _____

Mail this page with essay to

Catholic Charities
ATTN: Nikole Kelley
144 West Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

Prizes will be awarded.

OR scan and email to

nkelley@youngstowndiocese.org

All essays must be received by

Friday, April 27, 2018.



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