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First Step to Service is a service learning opportunity for students developed by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown.

"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 junior high and high school students (grades 7 -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?

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

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

Student Phone Number _____ Student Email Address _____

School Name _____

Parent / Teacher Signature _____

Mail this page with essay to:

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**All essays must be received
by Friday, April 26, 2019
to be eligible for a prize.**

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