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Part B: Judge – Reflecting through Faith

I chose the question: “Why is it important for young people to connect with creation?”

Also, I selected the following Laudato Si Quote: "Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right."

i) How does this quote connect to what I drew?

This quote resonates with what I drew because my art illustrates both the beauty of God’s creation on the right side and the damage humans are causing on the left side. As shown on the left, the damage humans have caused, such as polluting and mass producing in factories, leads to the extinction of creatures and the destruction of a marine ecosystem. On the right side, it is shown how humans, as the stewards of God’s creation, should care for the Earth.

ii) Explain my art, what did I include and why?

In my art, the page is split in two, with one side showing the damage of humans and the other showing how we should care for the Earth. I did this side-by-side comparison to stress the importance for young people to care for the Earth because otherwise, we will lose so many precious species and turn the Earth into a landfill. I drew a peace symbol with the world inside, having Antarctica on the good side, but in the bad side, Antarctica has melted due to global warming to show the future of that continent and its ecosystems if young people don’t start caring for creation.

iii) How does caring for creation connect with our college theme of hope?

Caring for creation connects with St Columba's College theme of Hope because it demonstrates that we nurture creation in hope for a future better than the present. If there is no hope for a better future for every species and thing God created, then there is no point in caring for creation. We as humans must also find hope in each other to know that every human, a steward of creation, is trying their best to do their part in caring for creation.

Bonus Marks!

My art piece connects to the Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship of Creation. It shows how we must now, more than ever, embrace this role from God to restore the life and beauty of our Earth.