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Why is it important for young people to reconnect with creation?

I chose the following Laudato Si quote The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. The environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone.” (**Laudato Si’ §21, §23**) This quote connects to what I drew because in my drawing I represent how the flower (world) currently looks/what could happen to it and in the comparison I show two children helping and caring for the flower showing us coming together as a family and helping our earth to make it a better place. My overall artwork shows one side how the earth currently looks like/how it could look and it’s a dying flower surrounded by hungry bees reaching to help it and dead flowers surrounding it. In the image representing what young people need to do to help creation it shows a happy, healthy flower surrounded by children eager to help it and bees with their pollen. This connects with our college theme of hope because it represents the hope of what this world can become and that we can make a difference in this world. The Catholic Social Teaching that I chose was stewardship for creation. This represents us caring for the land that God gifted to us and that it is protected is shared equally to all people and is protected so we can present the future/flourish! (The kids watering the flower/picking up rubbish.) The Genesis scripture I chose for my art piece is Genesis 1:27-28

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’”

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