

Audrey La Rocca:





Reflection

"We must care for nature so that nature may care for us."

This Laudato si quote is the same one I have used in my poem. And it's true, we must care for creation so that creation may care for us. I build upon this quote with the idea of 'we are the future'. You see, this poem is targeted towards teens, as I chose the question 'Why is it important for young people to reconnect with creation?'. And this is my answer. We are the next generation, the future, but I have noticed the alarming amount of time teenagers are spending on their devices. Because if you spend too much time on a device, then how are you meant to find the time to go outside, to care for the wonderful world God has given us? The future is in our hands, but if we continue our ways creation may cease to exist.



So in summary this poem is a call to action, so the teens of today may see the beauty of creation, and so that creation may continue to flourish for many more generations.



But then comes the question, how does caring for creation link to St. Columba's theme of hope? Well creation gives us hope. If you're feeling down you can go outside and when you see the beauty of creation you'll realise that God cares for everyone, including you. But if creation is destroyed then how may it offer us hope? It simply cannot. So that is how caring for creation links to the St. Columba's theme of hope, so that creation may continue to offer us hope and inspiration.