

# Our Common Home

An Art Activity for Students, K to 8



The purpose of this art activity is to encourage both creative and critical thinking on our shared responsibility to be good stewards of the environment. Discuss with your students the concept that our planet is also our shared “global home”. Our actions can affect people who live far from us. For instance, what would happen if you lived in a big house where no one ever took the trash out? How would that make the different people who live in the big house feel? If possible, have your students view “CAFOD: Laudato Si Animation for Children” on YouTube. (Students in 6th, 7th & 8th grade could watch the older version of this, “CAFOD: Laudato Si Animation”.) These videos do a great job explaining to students the inter-relationship between human beings and our global environment,

After the discussion, have your students draw, color, paint, collage or sculpt an art piece on this topic. Then, have your students share with their fellow classmates about their art work. Exhibit the students’ art work for others to see. Older students might want to post a brief paragraph about their art work next to it.

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