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## Global Scholars Program Essay

The Global issue which most concerns me is global warming, and the overall change in global climates and condition of “Our Mother Earth”. As an interconnected world, we are all affected by this growing problem; lack of clean drinking water, crop failures, poverty, and air pollution are all major results of climate change. As Global Citizens we need to take active rolls in our global society and address problems and take actions to fix the issue; corporations and governments need to work together to reduce pollution and pursue a sustainable earth.

Becoming a Global Scholar at Fordham Prep would allow me to participate in important discussions with fellow Jesuit school students from around the world, we would discuss issues and solutions in order to make the world a better place. Pope Francis said, “The climate is common good, belonging to all and meant for all.”; to me this statement means that the earth is important to everyone living on the planet and we all must work together to keep the planet safe. Sharing these ideas with my peers around the world would help spread the words of Pope Francis and potentially bring us all closer to God.

As an interconnected world, we are all affected by global warming and climate change- regardless of your nationality, religion, race, or gender. As air and ocean temperatures rise the polar ice caps melt and raise the sea levels around the world, this

will lead to worse and worse coastal flooding and eventual submersion of low-lying areas of the earth. People will lose their homes and farmlands, and will be forced to flee to already crowded cities. As the earth continues to get warmer it becomes more difficult for farmers to grow crops and raise livestock, lack of water and fertile land could lead to food shortages- especially in poorer countries that do not possess advanced technology and farming techniques.

Pope Francis has been speaking about these issues for many years, we can all learn from this very wise man- we as Global Scholars need to follow his words with commitment and competence. “This is our sin: exploiting the land and not allowing it to give us what it had within it, with our help through cultivation.”; these words from Pope Francis give us a good path to follow, we must stop taking so much from the earth and start cultivating the earth to provide everyone with adequate food and water. Governments need to enact laws to protect the earth, corporations cannot be allowed to profit greatly at the expense of the earth by cutting down forests for lumber and turning farmlands into shopping malls. As Global Scholars we can begin to address these important issues by discussing potential solutions and following the words of the holy father.

By becoming a Global Scholar I would be working to make the world a better place and for the common good, truly being a man for others.

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Global Scholar Application Essay

If there was one place in the world that I would love to visit it would be Africa. To me, Africa is the purest natural place on the planet. It is filled with spectacular and diverse ecosystems from vast savannas, dense jungles, pristine beaches, mountains, unforgiving deserts, and all different types of unique creatures big and small. There are also so many diverse and rich cultures that are so different from my own. The continent is simply filled with beauty and mystery. I have always loved nature and animals (and begged my parents to watch the Planet Earth series over and over). But I also understand that the people of Africa have faced many environmental challenges and oppression from Western colonizers and life is getting harder, with war and famine plaguing many people. I am scared about climate change and what that means for people and animals in vulnerable areas. This is a global issue, and we will need to pull together all over the world to steer away from the cliff that we are heading to. I think to do this we will need respect and to understand each other. For me, learning about the cultures and challenges that people face in Africa will be so important to understand all global aspects of this huge problem. We need to preserve the beauty of this world. While I come from a family that merged two cultures, Italian and American, and feel this has helped broaden my understanding of the world, I yearn to gain a new perspective on community, on living with environmental challenges vastly different from our own. I have listened to stories of my mother when she studied and worked in Kenya while in college, which she described as life changing. She told

stories of travelling on long roads with herds of giraffes and elephants following, being afraid of hyenas while camping in the savanna and of living with agricultural families, nomadic tribes, and urban families. It gives one perspective on social justice issues on a global scale when you can step outside yourself and really experience someone else's life. One of the reasons I love Fordham Prep is that it is a community that cares about global issues and the service trips helped students learn and contribute worldwide. With the current challenges the world faces with the pandemic, it is more important than ever to stay connected and help each other.

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### Global Scholar Application Essay

What Global issue/problem most concerns you? Who is most affected by it? How can we begin to address it?

A global issue that concerns me the most is the problem that a lot of the world has with hunger and famine. This issue has constantly bothered me because it is hard for me to imagine living as someone who does not have basic human necessities like food and water. The issue of hunger really helps me realize my own privilege in this world and makes me want to help those who are suffering. Seeing what is going on in places such as Yemen or several African countries where villagers have to walk miles to get access to mediocre or dirty drinking water. From my position, it is unimaginable for there to not be food a short walk away at the minimum but going days or weeks without food in order to feed my family is a life that no one should have to live. No one should have to make the choice between their family surviving and their own survival, and this is a choice that thousands are forced to make all the time. When I went to Thailand, I saw extreme poverty firsthand and it was heartbreaking. If this program means that I will have a way to potentially help those living under such harsh conditions, then I would like the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself. When I was younger, I had always dreamed of traveling the world and seeing all the things that I possibly could, but when you are young you do not see the amount of sadness and all the tragedy that plagues the world. If I were to become a Global Scholar, I would want to help to the best of my ability to eradicate the plague that is famine from the world. There is no reason for people to be going hungry around the world when most have more than they could ever need to eat. I hope to be able to help children maintain their dreams of traveling a world that is not ravaged by hungry people and one that is fair to all. For many years I have had interest in helping those with less than me, volunteering was something I had a lot of fun doing and the opportunity to help people on a near global scale through the Global Scholars program is something I would love to take advantage of.