

Art Honorable Mention

(Joint Project)

Gabby Fuentes, St. Ann Catholic School (grade 7)

Have you ever been really sad and had no hope? Well I know I have felt that way. I was really inspired by the words of G.K. Chesterton: "Hope means hoping when everything is hopeless." This made me really believe in hope because it shows that even if something doesn't go the way you want it to go, there is still hope that it will turn out alright. In our drawing, it is raining which shows the sadness and hopelessness that the little girl is feeling. The rain is washing away all the joy of the little girl. All the different colors represent happiness. The color from the paint dripping onto the ground symbolizes the sprouting of a beautiful and colorful garden. This shows that sometimes good things can come from bad things. This gives me the hope to believe.

Camille Ducoste, St. Ann Catholic School (grade 7)

The inspiration for my drawing was hope being restored. I am 12 years old with one mother and two older brothers. My life was pretty fun until June 2017, when my father was diagnosed with Adenocarcinoma, which is an intense form of cancer that doesn't have a cure. That day when I found out, I had so many mixed emotions, I didn't know what to feel. Only being in the hospital for 6 weeks, my father took his final breath. It felt like all the happiness that I had in me, was just being washed away. My mother became an instant single mother for my siblings and I, and took a long time to get adjusted to. Ever since that day, my friends have been there for me through everything. My life has turned around since then, even though I am still grieving. I found a type of peace and serenity. My artwork is a representation of how bad times can be turned around into great times.