

Laudato Si' Care for Earth
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Surplus water after meals replenishes birdbaths



Sister Florence Magnan cleans the birdbath outside Nazareth Court and Center to ensure the wildlife are not harmed by contamination. The water from the pitchers after the meals in the dining room is poured into two one-gallon buckets for house plants, outdoor geraniums, and birdbaths. The birdbath attracts a diverse bird population. Sister Florence adds, "I continue the practice which Sister Rita Kramer began. Sister Mark Plescher identifies sparrows, cardinals, and mourning doves as frequent visitors of the birdbath."

What gives you hope as you care for your common home?

Dusty Krikau, Director of Mission Advancement for CSA, shared, "Birds that don't eat seeds don't go to feeders, but to birdbaths instead." Birds, bees, and insects use birdbath water to stay hydrated, especially during a drought. A parking lot is a big, black, dead space, whereas the birdbath is an oasis. Birds are less likely to be attacked by hawks and other birds of prey if the birdbath is under trees, rather than near ponds in open areas.

The wild turkey is a bird that drinks from a birdbath placed directly on the ground. [Click here](#) to read 6 Tips for Feeding Wild Turkeys with Your Garden and Birdbath.

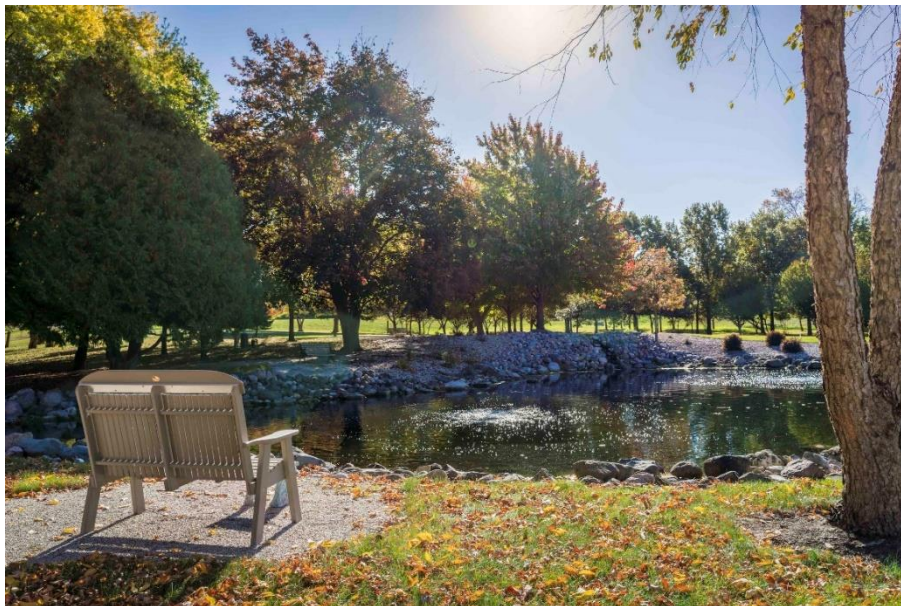
Building a better future requires “the active participation of all members of the community.” (LS 144)

Inspired by the call to care for creation and the most vulnerable, we are witnessing a growing global response rooted in faith, justice, and hope.

Pope Francis recently recognized this response in his November 10 Angelus: *"Three years ago, the Laudato Si' Action Platform was launched. I thank those who work in support of this initiative."*

This season invites us to reflect on the tender care we bring to creation and to one another, and to renew our commitment to building a just and sustainable future—a commitment that grows with every action we take.

The Laudato Si' Action Platform provides us with the seven goals of Laudato Si' and additional resources. Want to learn more? [Click here.](#)



The leaves fall from the trees surrounding the pond near St. Agnes Convent.

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