



SAINT CLARE

August 11

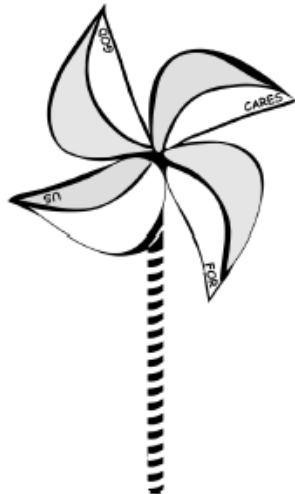
Young Clare came from a very wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. One day she heard Brother Francis preach about the way God cares for the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. They don't have to worry about what to wear or what to eat. Our loving God cares for each of these little creatures.

Clare prayed and thought about this. She decided to leave her house and family and live simply, like Francis. She spent her life praying and caring for the poor. Many other women came to join her in the convent she established, including her own sisters and her widowed mother. Today there are still women who choose to live a life of poverty and service as **St. Clare** and her sisters in religion did almost eight hundred years ago. They are called **Poor Clare Sisters**. St. Clare's memorial day is August 11.

Let's make a pinwheel to remind ourselves that God cares for us, too. You will need:

- A square piece of paper
- A drinking straw
- A straight pin
- A pencil with an eraser on it
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons

Fold the paper along the lines in the diagram and mark the center dot.



Decorate the paper with flowers and birds on both sides.
Cut from each corner to one inch away from the center dot.
Fold corner A to center A, corner B to center B, and so on.
Overlap the tips into the center and stick the pin into them.

Place a one-inch piece of the straw on the pin and then stick it into the pencil's eraser. The straw will allow the pinwheel to spin when you blow on it.

Write the words GOD CARES FOR US on the tips of the pinwheel.

