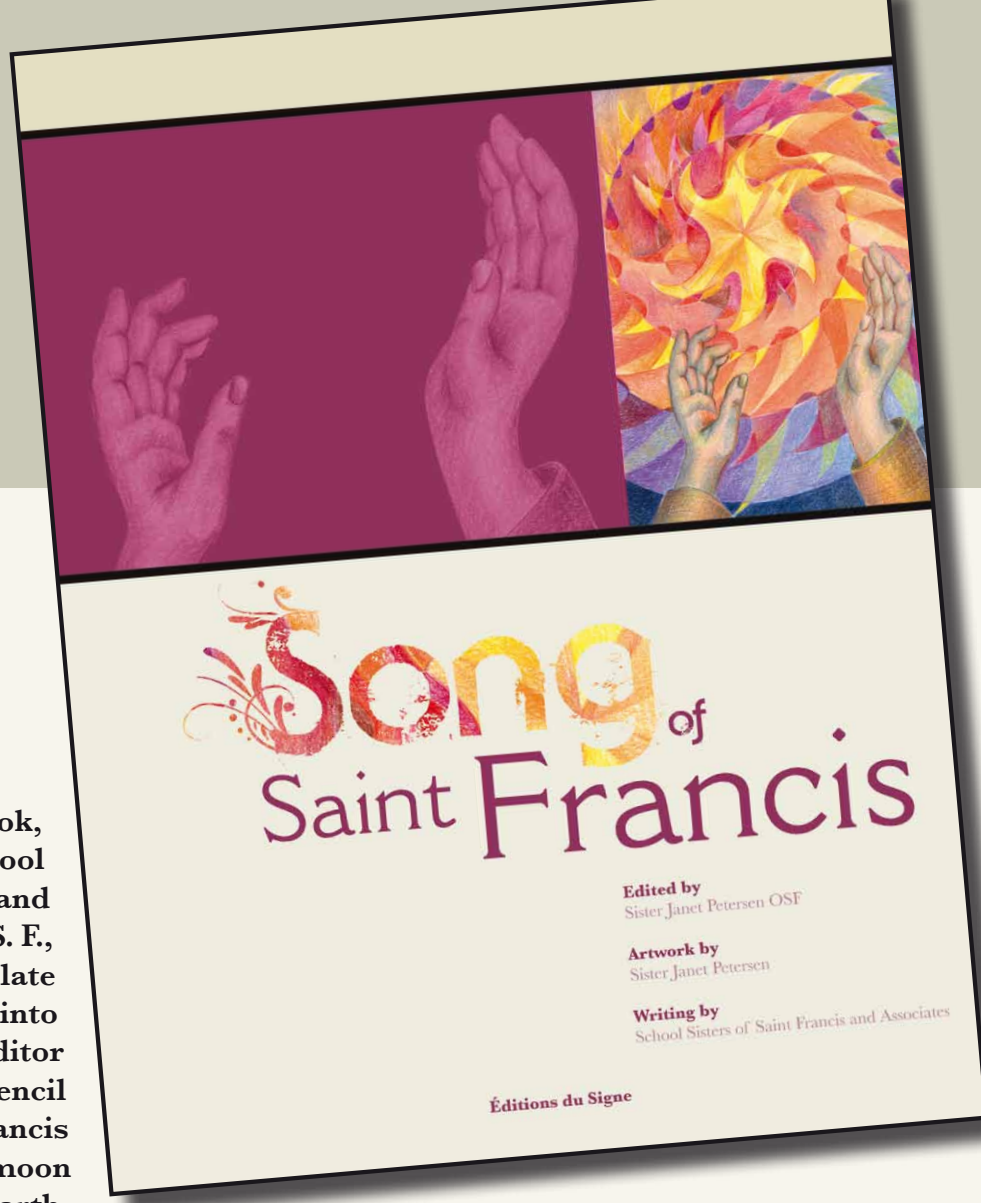


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What inspired this publication:

In this beautiful and inspiring book, *Song of St. Francis*, written by School Sisters of Saint Francis and edited and illustrated by Sister Janet Petersen, O. S. F., contemporary Franciscan voices translate St. Francis' "Song of the Creatures" into living color and language. The artist-editor offers glowing, full-page colored-pencil drawings of the creatures that St. Francis called his brothers and sisters: sun, moon and stars, wind and air, water, fire, earth, death. Each drawing is accompanied by a poem and an essay that praise God for these gifts of creation and reflect, observe, and challenge us in our appreciation and care of them. "We sit around the campfire / of God's love," writes the artist-editor in her poem praising Brother Fire. "How will we answer the children of the future about the ways that water has been cared for?" challenges a biology acher in her essay on Sister Water. The colored-pencil drawings use the symbols of hands and curves or circles to stimulate imaginative consideration of these gifts which continue to both benefit and challenge us today. Uniquely, the artist and writers of this book are all sisters and associates of a Franciscan congregation that names the promotion of the fine arts as one of its charisms.

