

The Power of Franciscan Values

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In keeping with their Franciscan values of caring for the earth, Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross Associates Barb and Ric Johnson of Ashland, Wisconsin, are making a difference in their corner of the earth.

Excel Energy held informational meetings a few years ago to see if there was interest in investing in a solar garden. Johnsons and others invested in shares to be able to buy the equipment in bulk allowing the power company to install the solar panels. The solar garden would be the third of its kind in the state of Wisconsin.

“Ric and I have too much shade to put solar on our home, so this was a way we could still use and support solar energy. Each month we get a credit on our electric bill based on the amount of solar generated by the garden,” said Barb Johnson.

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