

Two Wishes

Brookline, Mass.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for Britta Lokting's informative article about high levels of mercury in marshes, studying mercury poisoning in woodland songbirds, and the effects of climate change. As I felt pity for the little birds enduring blood tests, I worried about my young grandson, who eats fish. As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (paragraph 92): "We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people." In other words, allow your heart to be cold toward even birds, and soon it will be cold even toward your own fledgling.

I have two wishes: May I never feel callous towards the suffering of even a little songbird, so that my heart may always love my grandson, and may your congressman, Representative Lee Zeldin, heed the words of the Pope and fight climate change with all his heart.

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