

**Reflection of Father Joel Konzen, S.M.,
Representing the Roman Catholic tradition:**

Aqua vivens—water and life, life-giving water. We praise God for giving us these treasures, as we thank the earthly providers of this garden and fountain for offering powerful signs for us to use and enjoy. This water and the garden plants will help many in the future to reflect with the monk Thomas Merton, “I trust you always though I may be in the shadow of death.” The enduring sign, aqua vivens, living water, is the reminder that you, O God, are with me and will not leave me to be alone in that hour.