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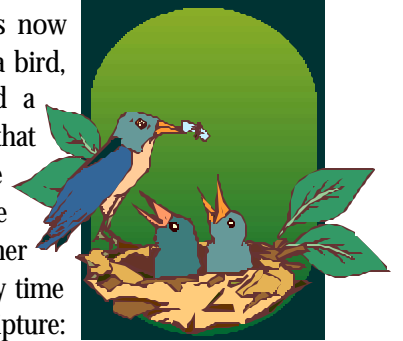
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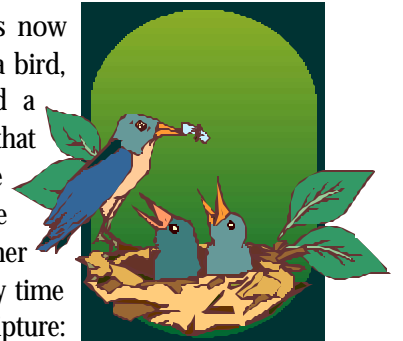
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After that bird labors to build that nest, she herself rests in that nest. Are we not 'laborers together,' 'building up one another on this most holy faith' (which is Christ!)? And do not we, ourselves, rest in that very faith, that very One, Whom we want our young to rest in? Yes, we have found a good place to rest, where Christ, our Altar, our Refuge, our Bread and Water of life is found. And this is a good place to lay our young.

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