

Taking care of the future

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Quote:

“in doing so, we also want to seek and make connection with the source of all life. The source from which we have the capacity to let confidence flow and where we can show our faith and trust in all simplicity and openness.”

Explanation of the choice:

The beehive, the bee colony as a metaphor for the human community, for society. All the bees are tirelessly at work, caring for the future: flying back and forth to gather honey and pollen while others tend the nest and the larvae. So many elements from the weekly letter can be recognized here: “Staying connected”: with the colony, with nature — without pollinators, there is no life; “Cooperation”: the colony can only come into being and survive through collaboration; “Taking responsibility”: every bee will sacrifice its life if the survival of the colony is at stake; “Feeding the hungry”: honey is not only highly nutritious but also healing in medicine; “Caring for the future”: the bees’ care and dedication give the larvae the best possible chance to grow up healthy; “For a world of tomorrow”: most bees will not live to see the next spring, yet they build the colony so that a new generation can swarm when spring returns.

I am curious to hear what other symbolism you might see in it.

Warm regards on behalf of the beeldengroep,
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