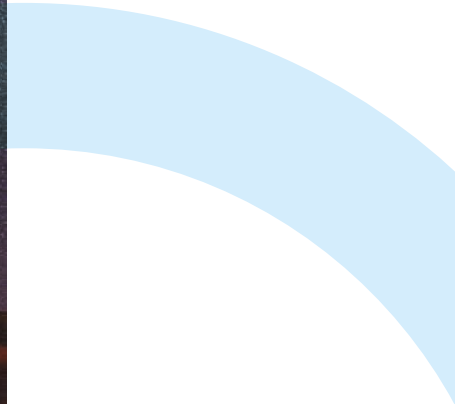


The wonder of life

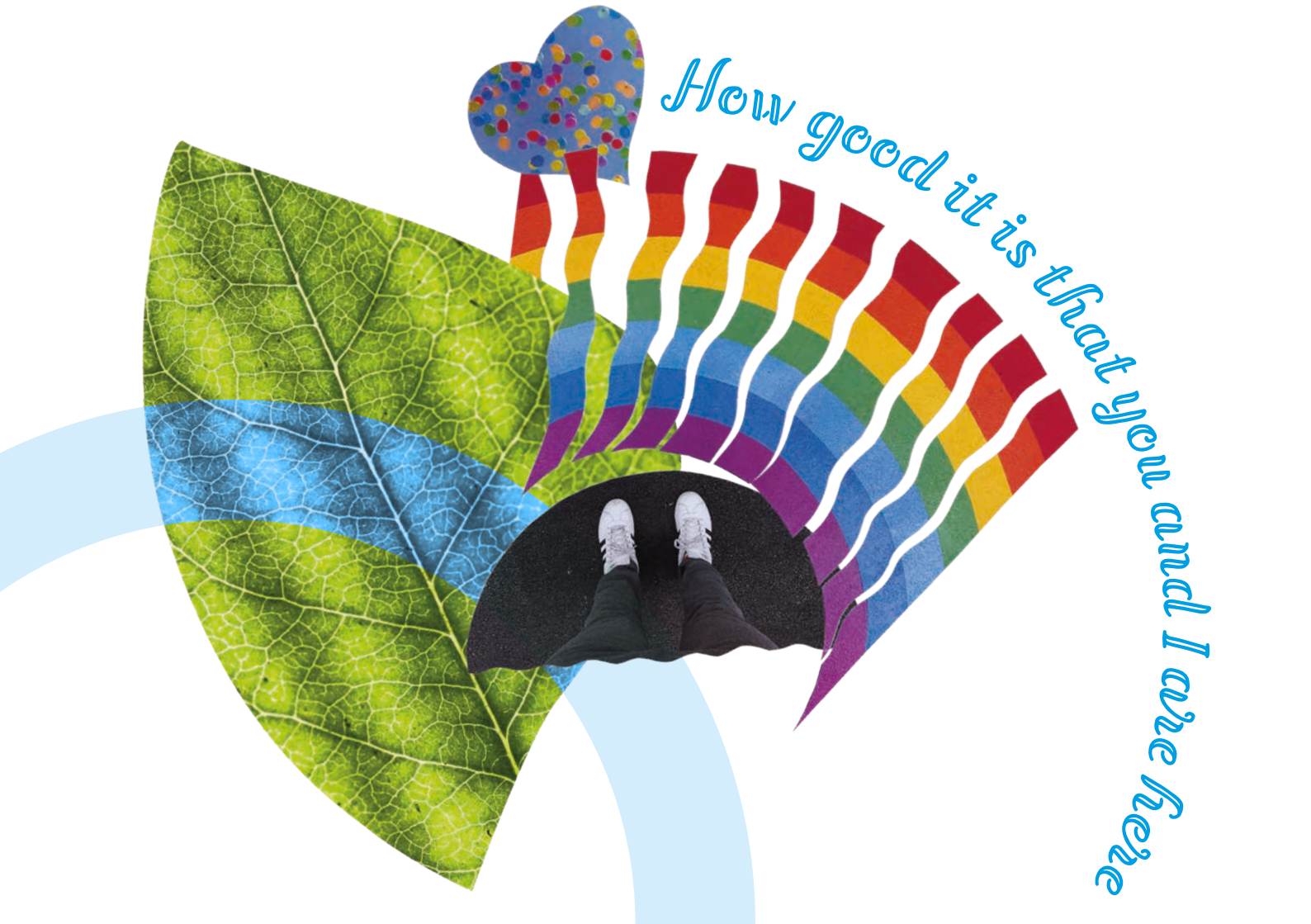


Life is a wonder that continually amazes us. But sometimes it also saddens us, like when we see that people go hungry or are at war or when a volcano erupts. Before you arrived, there were other people, and after your departure, there will be new arrivals. So all people are part of a long chain of human existence.

1. What does the image mean to you?
2. What does life mean?
3. What do you consider a wonder?
4. What does life feel like?

What elements are part of it?





How good it is that you and I are here

All people are made of the same elements, but all of us are also different. That sometimes makes it difficult to feel our common connection, which is why we wish to focus primarily on those things that we have in common. And to say to each other: 'How good it is that you and I are here!'

1. What is the connection between this image and the sentence 'How good it is that you and I are here'?
2. What makes you different from me?
3. What makes us the same on the inside?
4. Why do we need to tell each other that it's good to be here?

The power of all that is

That there are birds...
that there are plants...
that there are animals...
that there are always flowers blooming...
that there are seas with eternal waves...
that there is a sun that gives us precisely enough warmth...
that it rains now and again and that it is sometimes ice...
that there is gravity... and electricity...
that there is coincidence...
that spiders spin such beautiful webs...
that there are so many stars...
that you and I are here...
that we can speak, see, listen, make music, love one another and stand on one leg for one whole minute...
that has all come about through something that nobody can explain to me, but has always been there and that will always remain, which I don't understand at all and what I respectfully call God.



The power that has brought everything into being: people, trees, plants, animals, mountains, lakes and seas. We cannot really explain it or understand it. We call that power God.

1. What does this poem mean to you?
2. How would you like to explain God?
3. What is meant by 'the power of all that is'?
4. In what way are humans and animals really the same?

You can begin anew



We think that you can always be a loving person or become one again, regardless of what happens in your life. Being a loving person means taking good care of others and everything around you. And of course that includes yourself. That may not always be easy, but we continue trying. And if we don't always succeed, we simply begin anew.

1. What do you see in the image?
2. What does it mean to be a loving person?
3. When and how would you like to begin anew?
4. What would it be like to never make a mistake?

There is a place under the sun for everyone



We want to help ensure that there is a place under the sun for everyone in this world. That is the essence of being apostolic and brings us joy.

1. What does this image mean to you?
2. When was the last time that you really helped someone? What did you do then?
3. What makes you happy?
4. With whom would you like to trade places for a day?

Spreading the light of love



We wish to spread the light of love to everyone, young and old alike, and ensure that love continues to exist.

1. What does 'spreading the light of love' mean?
2. How do you bring light to another person?
3. Why is it that we are always talking about love?
4. What does belief have to do with love?



The well as meeting place



The well

They gathered by the well: leaders and water carriers drink from the same source. Rituals, sacraments cross each other by this water. So has it been, so will it be after. To lift your heart at the well or sink into thoughts singing songs into eternity. Old façades, new shops, echoes through the shop windows, rough abrasions of time. At the well wishes are dreams water of the spirit flows. If you are thirsty, you may drink. Draw comfort here, live with purpose. Just look through the water's surface into the bottomless heavens.

Erik Botter



1. Why is a well chosen as meeting place?
2. What do you think they are coming to do at the well?
3. What would you go to do at the well?
4. What do you wish to receive and what do you wish to bring?

Celebrating life



Many people find it important to regularly celebrate life together, not because life is always a party but because they appreciate the wonder of life and are simply happy to be part of it. You celebrate life by laughing together during joyful and happy moments and by sharing tears and comforting each other if someone is sad.



1. What does 'celebrating life' mean to you?
2. What do you like to celebrate?
How and with whom?
3. What would you like to learn about living?
4. How do you do that... being a loving person?



An illustration featuring three stylized human faces, each enclosed within a green circular shape that resembles a leaf or a seed pod. The faces are drawn in a simple, sketchy style with various hair colors and features. They are arranged in a slight arc at the top left of the composition.

Compassion

An illustration featuring two stylized human faces, each enclosed within a green circular shape that resembles a leaf or a seed pod. The faces are drawn in a simple, sketchy style with various hair colors and features. They are arranged in a slight arc at the top right of the composition.

Solidarity

A central illustration of a monarch butterfly with orange and black wings, perched on a bright orange flower. A small circular portrait of a face with curly hair is integrated into the butterfly's body. The background includes a pink circular shape and a green curved line that frames the top of the scene.

Sustainability

We come together to learn from each other, for example how you can be a loving person. Loving kindness means that you take good care of other people, of animals and plants, and everything around you. And of course that includes yourself. By doing so, you make the world a better place. And when we come together, you can simply be yourself. You are just fine the way you are.



1. What do the words 'compassion, solidarity and sustainability' mean?
2. What can you learn from me today?
3. What can I learn from you today?
4. What do you think is special about you?

Staying connected

Has a social and religious dimension



We cannot live without others; we belong together. But it can still sometimes be difficult to live together as we are all also different. Of course, these differences also make life more interesting and more fun. And because we are so different, we can also learn a great deal from each other. So let's just simply remember to tell each other: 'How good it is that you and I are here!'



1. What does 'staying connected' mean?
2. With whom or what do you feel connected?
3. How do you feel if you have had a quarrel?
4. Can you have a quarrel without violence?
5. If you had friends all over the world,
how would you then stay in contact with them?



Creating space

Conversing



Sunday Service



Nature walks



Gardening together



Youth events



Singing together



Everyone who wishes to be a loving person can do so in his own way and, in doing so, make the world a better place. And working to make the world a better place is the essence of being apostolic.



1. What do you see in the image?
What questions do you have in that regard?
2. What does a 'better world' look like to you?
3. What do you find difficult about other people?
4. (How) can you make this less difficult?
5. Who needs more space from you?
6. Why are insides usually hidden?



We wish to continue coming together: to see each other, to talk with each other, and to learn from each other how we can become and continue to be loving human beings.



1. What is 'living with awareness and love'?
2. What would you like to do together with others?
3. What would you like to talk about more often?
4. Who would you like to meet more often, and what would you like to ask?
5. What do you want to learn from the other (about love)?