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On the back cover: Stefan Schevers visits fruit growers in the Bommelerwaard to bless their fruit crop.

Some young Catholics still want to follow their faith and take on the challenging task of becoming a pastor. Stefan Schevers is one of them. This former TiU-student works in the Bommelerwaard, in the province of Gelderland, to connect the seven different parishes in the region. Among other things, he organizes discos and musicals for youngsters. He was portrayed by photographer Tom Toemen, who also followed him to Latvia, where he went for a cultural exchange.

“I’m a bridge builder,” Schevers says. “I want to be a shepherd like Jesus and be socially active in an adventurous way. I like to clarify the meaning of life together with other people.” In Latvia, Schevers founded the ‘House of Unity’, a place for people to come together. During his years at TiU, studying Psychology and later Theology, he also sought the connection between different sides of student life. “Tilburg was one big search for me. I lived in an Olof frat house, where I partied a lot. I also co-founded Peerke Donders, a catholic student union. I want to combine the Burgundian life with seriousness.” Even during the writing process of his thesis, the dialogue with other people stayed important to Schevers: “Every forty-five minutes I would drink a cup of coffee. That gave me a lot of time to talk to people and learn from them.”



Stefan Schevers in a field confessional in Aglona, Latvia. This Catholic nun just finished confessing her sins to the pastor.



Stefan Schevers plays the trumpet during a performance of the Royal Harmony Semper Crescendo in Kerkdriel.



Stefan Schevers blesses new colleague Bart Theunissen at his initiation in the Saint John's cathedral in 's-Hertogenbosch.

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TiU alumnus Stefan Schevers blesses horse and rider in Kerkdriel by sprinkling them with holy water.



Concentration amongst the communicants, during the rehearsal of their first holy sacrament in the Saint Martinuschurch in Kerkdriel