

## **Mission Statement and Guiding Principles of the Catholic Student House Basel**

The Jesuits in Basel provide on a Christian basis guidance for young people from Switzerland and abroad in their studies. They do this together with committed employees and volunteers. Therefore, the Jesuits support and finance the Catholic student house at Herbergsgasse 7 with three institutions: the student dormitory, the Catholic University Community (kug) and the Jesuit community. They all share the intention of offering space and time for being in dialogue with young people and accompany them spiritually on a path of hope.

### **The student dormitory – more than just home**

The residence at Herbergsgasse 7 in the heart of Basel provides 75 students affordable accommodation and a good infrastructure for their studies. But they don't just find a roof over their heads. They should feel at home and be able to make friends. The dormitory manager is in charge of the residence and is the first contact for the residents. Living together across cultural, national and religious boundaries broadens one's social skills, the ability to participate, personal responsibility and empathy. Through their presence, the Jesuits provide an opportunity to get to know more about Christian culture and spirituality.

### **The Catholic University Community (kug) – more than solid ground under your feet**

The kug is guided by the words and person of Jesus Christ. It is there for Christians and open to all people with different world views. It offers spiritual events and deals with pressing social issues, such as the integrity of creation, social justice and ethics. It creates space for chance meetings and easy-going companionship. The reflection on experiences in everyday life allows you to get a down-to-earth attitude. The kug-program is created and realized by the university chaplain together with students. He is available for talks and discussions and leads the kug together with a team. The kug is largely co-financed by the Catholic Church of the two cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Land. The association "Friends of Studentenhaus" supports the projects of the student dormitory and the kug.

### **The Jesuits – the sheltering roof**

The Jesuits are in charge of the house Herbergsgasse 7. They are part of the Society of Jesus, a worldwide order of the Catholic Church. Guided by the spiritual depth of the Gospel, they are committed to the preservation and renewal of God's creation. They stand up for justice and reconciliation and support the searching for an authentic way of life. Jesuit spirituality goes back to the founder of the order, Ignatius of Loyola, and is the top and base of the Catholic Student House.