



The late theologian Monika Hellwig suggests three defining characteristics that converge in answering the question: What makes us Catholic? The first is our experience of creation and our ability to recognize the grandeur of God's presence. Both our reason and our faith speak to each other as we encounter the infinite mystery of the universe, while seeking our relationship with this mystery.

Secondly, is in allowing our faith to inspire our imaginations, seeking the deepest meaning of our lives. In choosing to live well, we reflect that Infinite Love we have named God, and in turn we discover in the fragments of life our ultimate destiny with Love.

Thirdly, the profound experience of creation and the awareness of a living presence enable us to embrace the natural goodness of the world, discerning our "response – ability" as co-partners in creating a loving and just world.

These propositions provide us with the foundations for a common humanity as a people of God and our Catholic identity.

The community of faith is called to become the meeting place in which the character and quality of our lives is deepened within a continually expanding horizon. Never settling for less our search for meaning and purpose is never satisfied with less, but always seeks more; infinitely more. L Gaetano