

## 7. The Little Drummer by the Church

The sculpture next to the Catharina Church, Catharinaplein, Eindhoven (City Center)

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### THE HAPPY SPOT

This is a place with a rich history. The church was already standing in the 12th century. Near the entrance of the great Catharina Church stands The Little Drummer, a sculpture from the Catharina Guild. Where do you see his drumsticks? The guild has been in existence since the 15th century. It is a brotherhood of men that serves the Eindhoven community, and it is the oldest active association in Eindhoven. When do you sometimes feel like a 'little drummer'? What is your message in those moments? And for whom is it intended?

### WHAT MAKES US HAPPY HERE

Just sit down and watch the ever-changing mix of people who pass by. The heart of Eindhoven. Surprising that we daily walk along centuries of history. If possible, find a quiet moment of rest in the church. A city that lives.

### THE HAPPINESS TIPS

- Saint Catharina primarily helped the poorest people and had an enormous influence within the church. She was known for her often used cry, "Voglio!" – meaning **"I want it!"** What do you truly want in your life? Capture it in just a few words and go for it.
- On the stone platform under the sculpture, you can read the words written by the St. Catharina Guild, **"Die scut, si stut, si waeckt, als craeckt"**. What do you suppose that means? The city can always continue to count on the support and vigilance of the guild. Who or what can always count on you when the going gets tough? And in turn, who can you count on?
- We stand here atop a rich archaeological ground. Recent excavations here uncovered more than **750 skeletons**, the oldest dating from the year 1200. You can get a glimpse below through the glass squares that are placed in front of the church entrance. The skeleton feet all point in the same direction. What direction? What positive memories do you hope will remain about you after you've died?

### EVEN MORE HAPPINESS

Researchers have successfully reconstructed a fairly accurate and life-like model of one of the excavated bodies – a ten year old male child of nobility from the 14th century. He is named Marcus. In the church, you will learn more about him. Take a look at the square outside through his eyes. Note ten things that he would find very special or funny.

### GOLDEN HAPPINESS TIP

Visit the other 'happy spot' on this square – the Dynamo youth center across the street. There you can get your envelope with the extra golden happiness tip