



## How we will welcome people to join and stay with the Church

**Plenary Council**



**Easy English**



## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.





## About this book

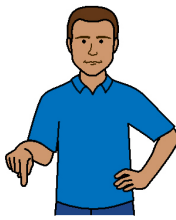
This book is written by the Plenary Council.

This book is about **conversion**.



Conversion means people

- join the Church
- stay with the Church.



We want to change things in the Church so  
that more people want to stay.

## Some things make conversion hard



People do **not** stay with the Church because

- people in the Church do **not** always agree on things



- people do **not** know how to bring the Church into other parts of life



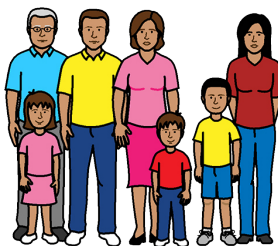
- people find it hard to trust the Church



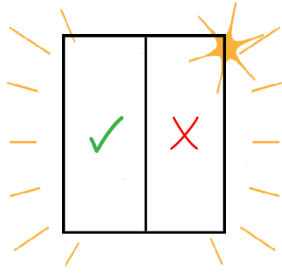
- there are **not** always enough supports for different people in the Church.

For example

- help for married couples
- help for families.



## We want good leaders



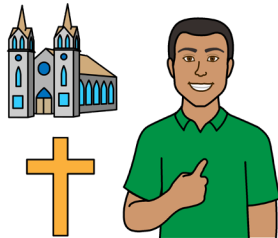
We will make new rules for all leaders to follow to work together and help the Church.

## We want bigger Church communities



We will

- ask Churches to make a plan to welcome people to join Church events



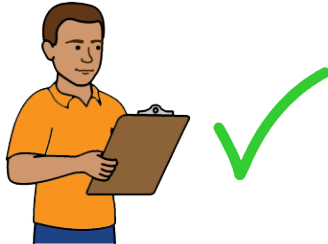
- learn from research to find the best way to connect the Church to people's lives



- find new ways to let different people become Church and community leaders.  
For example, women or married men.

# We want to fix problems in Australian Churches

## Sexual abuse



We will check the Church is doing the right thing to help victims of **sexual abuse**.



Sexual abuse means sexual activity a person does **not** want including

- touching you do **not** want



- kissing you do **not** want



- sex you do **not** want.



The Church must

- make sure abuse does **not** happen again



- help **victims**.

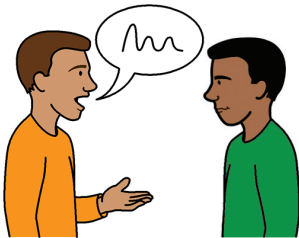
Victims are the people who were abused.

## The planet

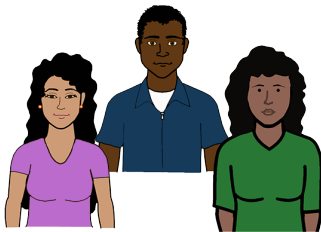


We will

- talk to scientists to learn how to look after the planet

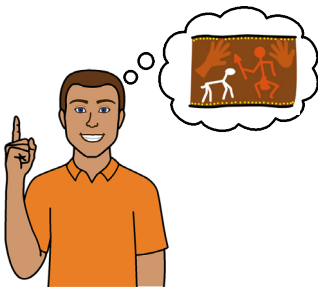


- talk to **First Nations** people and ask them to join our project with Catholic Earthcare.



First Nations means a person is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

## Aboriginal people



We will

- learn about Aboriginal culture and language



- help Aboriginal people become Church and community leaders.

## Women



We will

- understand the important role women have in the Church



- celebrate women in the Church



- help women be leaders.



## More information



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