



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

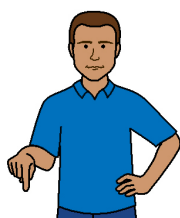
This book is written by the Plenary Council.

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



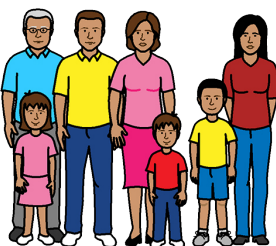
- people find it hard to trust the Church



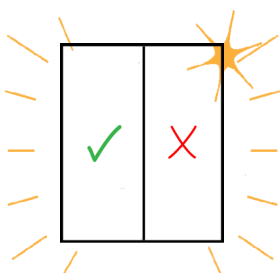
- there are **not** always enough supports for different people in the Church.

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

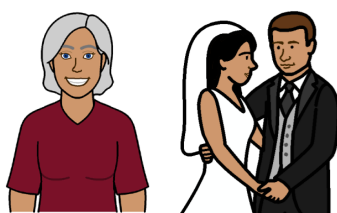


We will

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



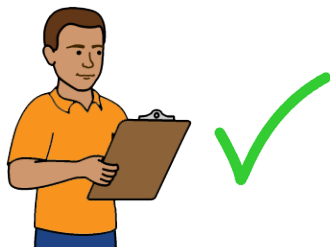
- learn from research to find the best way to connect the Church to people's lives



- 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**.

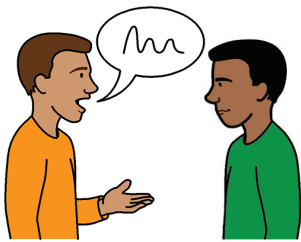
Victims are the people who were abused.



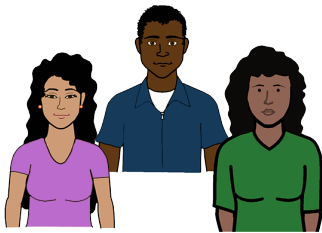
The planet

We will

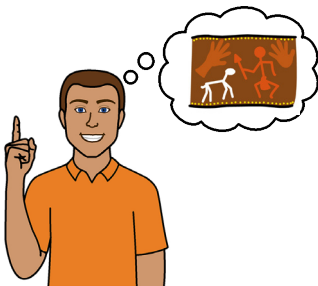
- talk to scientists to learn how to look after the planet



- 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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