

How we will make the Church better

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

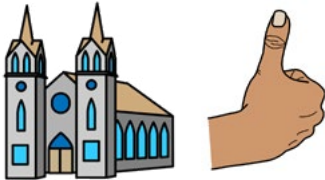


- find more information.



About this book

This book is written by the Plenary Council.



This book is about how we will make the Church better.



The Church must

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



- help **victims**.



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

- touching you do **not** want
- kissing you do **not** want

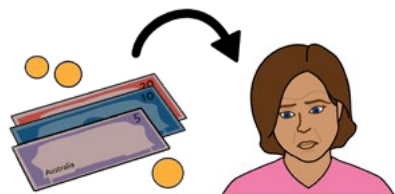


- sex you do **not** want.

Victims are the people who were abused.

How will we do a better job?

We will



- give money to victims and make Church services for victims



- work with Church leaders to work out how to stop abuse in the future



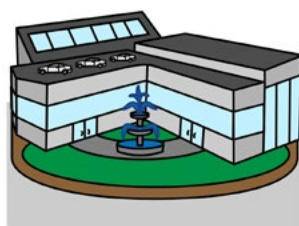
- make teams of experts who can help victims and help leaders support victims



- say sorry to victims and families hurt by the Church in Australia



- have Church events for victims to meet



- build a **National Research Institute for Trauma and Healing.**

This will be a place to help victims get better.



Pope Francis says we must do more to listen and help others.



We will

- make listening groups



- use the internet to connect with people and hear more ideas



- keep an open mind to different ideas.

For example, we will listen to

Aboriginal people.



We think Aboriginal people are experts who can help us take better care of the world.

We will work together



We want all Catholic people to work together.



We will make a plan to help people

- work together to make the Church safe



- understand and stop abuse



- have tools to help people who were abused



- check that Church events and programs are safe and welcome everyone



- speak up if they see someone do the wrong thing.

How will we train Church leaders?



We want to train Church leaders to do a better job.



We will

- remind leaders to pray and do the right thing



- think about new ways people can become part of the Church



- make sure our training shows people how to protect others from harm.

How will we include women as leaders?



We want women to be leaders at all levels of the Church.

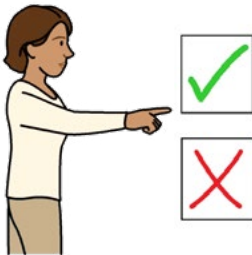


We will

- give leadership roles to women



- include women in leadership events



- include women in Church decisions.

More information



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