

## How we will be more inclusive

**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.



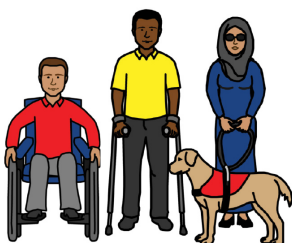


## About this book

This book is written by the Plenary Council.



This book is about how we will make the Catholic Church more **inclusive**.



Inclusive means everyone feels welcome to join in. For example

- people with disability



- people from **culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds**.



Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds means a person

- was born overseas or has parents who were born overseas



- speaks a language other than English.

# What we will do

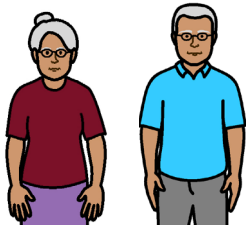
## 1. Help people in need

We will help people who do **not** have the same access to services.

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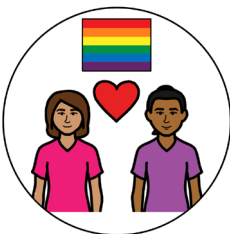
- people who are poor



- older Australians

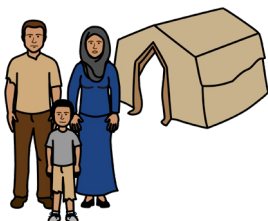


- people in jail



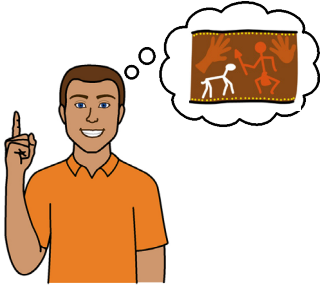
- people who live far away from the city

- the LGBTQI community



- **refugees**. Refugees are people who come to Australia from countries that are **not** safe.

## 2. Include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics

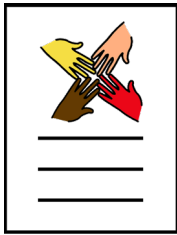


We will

- learn about Aboriginal culture and language



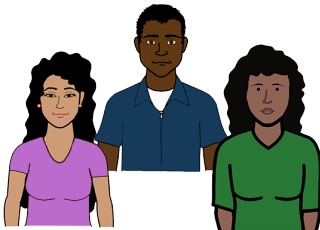
- help Aboriginal people become Church and community leaders



- follow **reconciliation action plans**

A reconciliation action plan is a document that tells us how to

- include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

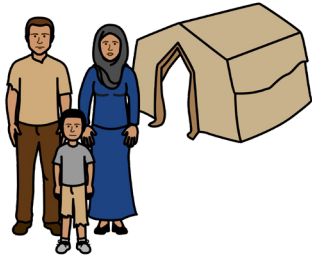


- respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



- help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### 3. Help refugees

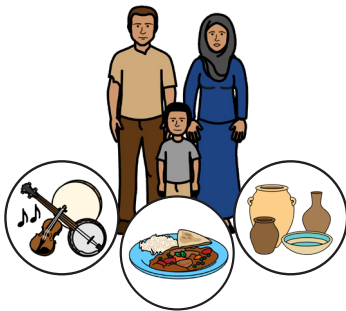


We will

- welcome refugees into the Church



- understand the important role refugees can have in the Church



- understand the good things about different refugee cultures



- help refugees join in the Australian community.

## 4. Include women



We will

- understand the important role women have in the Church



- celebrate women in the Church



- help women be leaders.

## 5. Help men join the Church



We will

- try to understand why fewer men want to be part of the Church



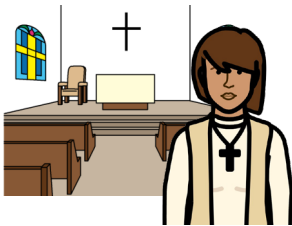
- look for ways to help men join the Church.

## 6. Talk to young people



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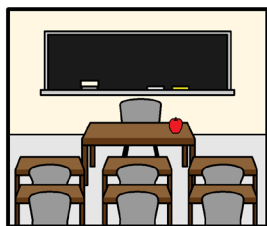
- understand the important role young people play in the Church



- help young people become leaders of the Church



- use social media to reach young people



- help young people across different stages of life

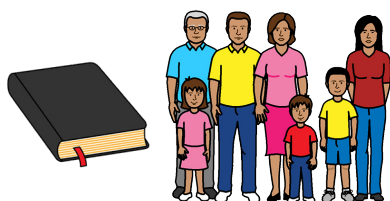
– at school

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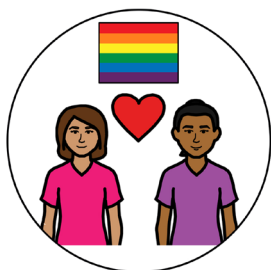
– when the person finishes school.

## 7. Improve attitudes to sexuality and marriage



We will

- help people understand what the bible says about families and children



- help members of the Church listen to people in the LGBTQI community



- help people if their marriage ends



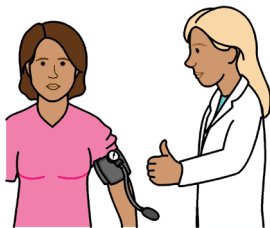
- help people fix marriage problems.

## 8. Make health and social services better

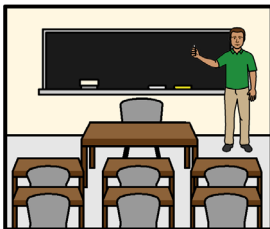


We will

- train pastors about disability



- help Church leaders work together to make services better across
  - healthcare



- education



- **social services.**

Social services help people in need.

For example, services that help refugees find a home.

## More information



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