

How we will make the Catholic Church more joyful

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.

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You can get someone to help you

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





About this book

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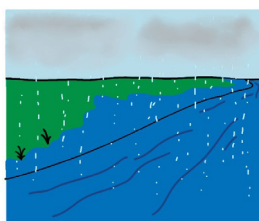


This book is about how we will make the Church more **joyful**.



Joyful means the Church will focus on the good things it can do to make a happy community.

Sometimes the Church can focus on problems. For example, illness or **natural disasters**.



Natural disasters include

- floods
- bushfires.



We want the Church to focus how it can help fix problems and make things better.

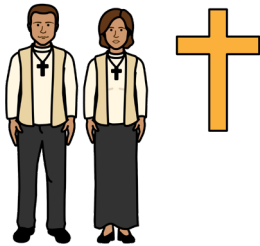
We want the Church to be joyful



We will plan ways for different people in the Church to work together.

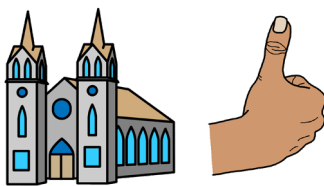
For example

- priests
- **lay people.**



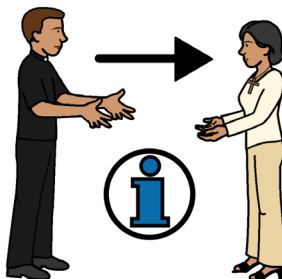
Lay people are people in the Church who are **not** priests.

We will start a project called the **Building Stronger Parishes Project.**



The Building Stronger Parishes Project will

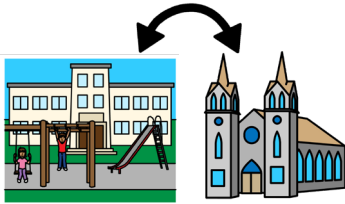
- help Churches to do good things
- find ways for Churches to share information and help each other
- celebrate women in the Church.



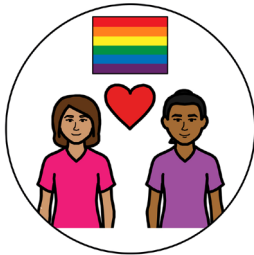


The project will also

- help priests who are trained overseas to learn about Church in Australia



- connect schools and Churches

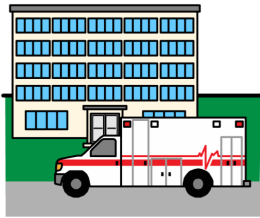


- include everyone. For example, people in the LGBTQI community.

We want to focus on Church organisations

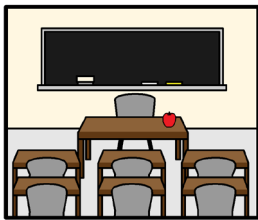


We want to focus on the good things our **organisations** do.



Organisations include our

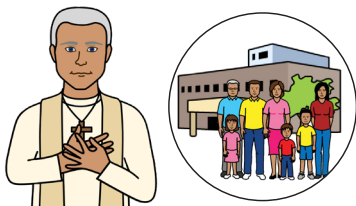
- hospitals



- schools

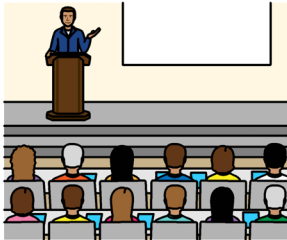


- aged care centres.



We will have Church events to talk about the good ways we care for the community.

We want to work with other Christian Churches



We will make a **national forum** to work with Christian communities.



A national forum is a space where Catholic and Christian people meet to talk about

- God
- how we can help others.



We want to make it easier for people to join the Church

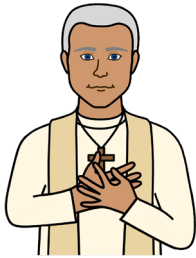


We will make a **national faith hub**.

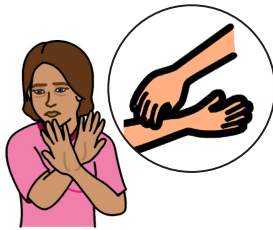


A national faith hub is a place where adults go to learn about God and the Catholic faith.

We want to rebuild trust



The Church must rebuild trust after **sexual abuse** problems.



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.



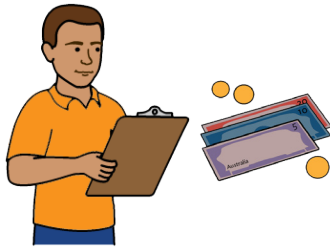
The Church must

- make sure abuse does **not** happen again
- help **victims**.



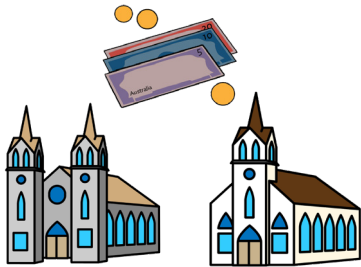
Victims are the people who were abused.

We want to spread money across all Churches



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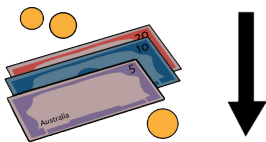
- see how money is spread between Churches at the moment



- find ways to spread money evenly so that each Church can pay for things they need



- ask leaders to be clear about how they spend money



- see if we can do jobs in a different way that costs less money.

More information



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