



## 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.

## 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 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.

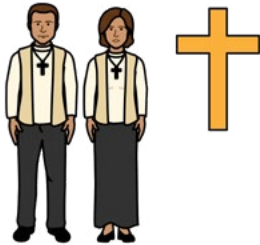
## We want the Church to be joyful



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

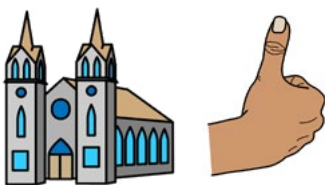
For example

- 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.**



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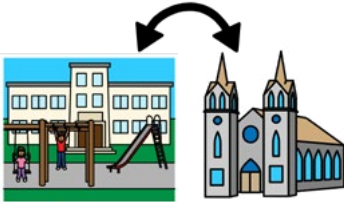
- help Churches to do good things
- find ways for Churches to share information and help each other
- celebrate women in the Church.





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**.

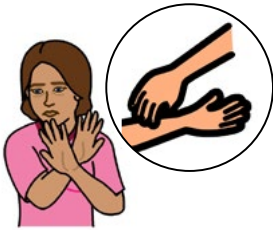


A national faith hub is a place where adults go to learn about God and the Catholic faith.

## 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.

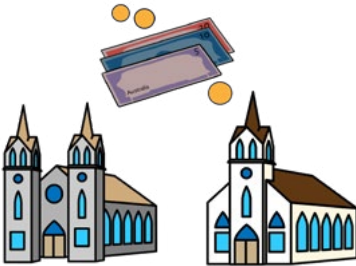


## We want to spread money across all Churches



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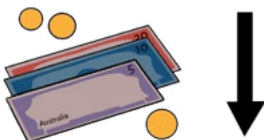
- see how money is spread between Churches at the moment



- 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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