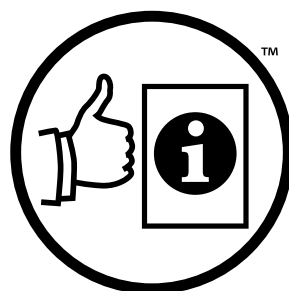




## How we will make our mission better

**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**
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## 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

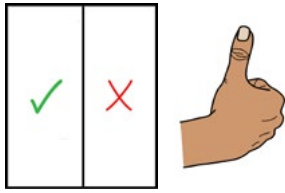


This book is written by the Plenary Council.



This book is about how we will make our mission better for the Catholic Church.

## Good things for the Church



The Church made better rules so that people who work in the Church do the right thing.



There are more Church activities in places such as

- schools



- hospitals.



The Church helps the community.

For example, the Church

- teaches people about God



- helps people in need.

For example, people who are sick or poor.



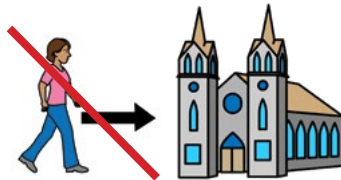
Catholic schools do a good job to help the community learn about God.

## Problems for the Church



Fewer people

- believe in God and agree with Church ideas



- go to Church on Sunday.



There are fewer priests to work in Churches.



People who live far away **cannot** go to important Church events or to **mass**.



Mass is an important Church event that helps people connect to God.



Many people do **not** trust the Church because Church leaders did the wrong thing in the past.

# How we will make the Church better

## 1. Listen to new ideas to help the planet



We will

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



- give money to organisations that help the planet, such as Catholic Earthcare Australia



- talk to **First Nations** people and ask them to join our project with Earthcare.



First Nations means a person is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

## 2. Spread our message



We will

- work together with other Churches to do good things



- find new ways to talk to communities that are further away



- make a new program that links Church ideas to people's lives



- have a meeting each year to plan new ways to tell people about God



- use social media to get our message across.

### 3. Teach interfaith



**Interfaith** means religions with different beliefs work together to do good things.



We will

- share information with different religions



- teach students about other faiths



- celebrate Interfaith Harmony Day on the first week of February every year.



## 4. Help married couples



We will

- tell the community what is good about marriage



- help married couples become Church leaders



- build networks where married couples can help each other at each stage of life



- make more services that help married couples have children and families.

## 5. Make women leaders



We will

- focus on new ways we can help women in the Church



- help more women in the community to become Church leaders



- include women in more Church meetings.

## 6. Include First Nations people



We will

- teach Church leaders about First Nations people



- tell the community how important First Nations people are to the Church



- put a First Nations **plaque** on every Church and Catholic school.



The plaque

- is a sign we put on buildings to share an important message
- says that First Nations people were the first people on Australian land.

## 7. Include young people



We will

- check if our programs for young people can be better



- make teams of young people who can help other young people join the Church



- invite young people to share ideas at the Plenary Council meeting



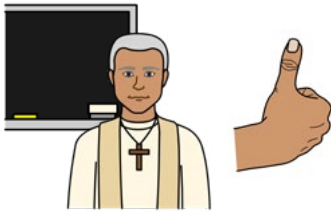
- research Church activities that youth will like. For example, a festival.

## 8. Get our message in schools



We will

- make Catholic school programs in different parts of Australia



- have good leaders in schools to help students be part of the Church



- give information and activities to reach students in public schools



- tell adults why it is important to study the Catholic faith



- ask **seminarians** to work in schools.

Seminarians are men who study to be priests in the Catholic Church.

## 9. Be kind to everyone



We will

- respect people who are **not** part of the Church



- listen to people who do **not** feel included by the Church.



For example, people

- who have been divorced



- who married more than 1 time



- who have been abused



- who are part of the LGBTQI community.

## More information



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