



## How we will focus on prayer

**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.

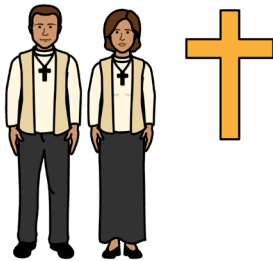


This book is about how we will focus on prayer.



We want people to understand

- what the Catholic faith means



- how to live as an active member of the Church

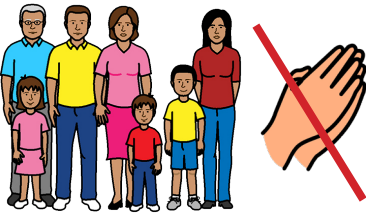


- how to help other people join the Church.

## What makes it hard for people to be part of the Church?



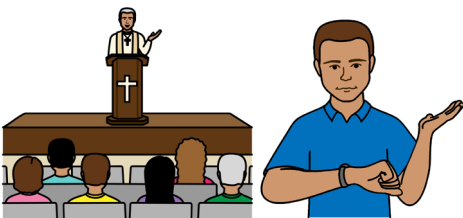
There are some things that make it hard for people to be active members of the Church.



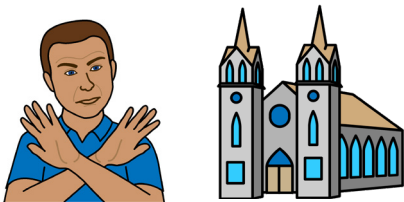
1. People do **not** often pray as families and communities outside of the Church.



2. There are **not** enough priests to run celebrations and events.

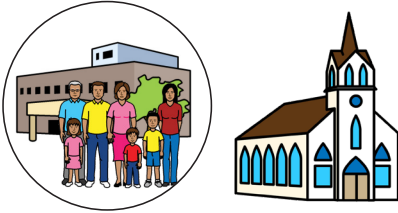


3. Church events may **not** work for everyone.



4. Many people do **not** want to be part of the Church.

## How will we focus on prayer?



We will help communities to

- connect with other Churches



- make small groups to pray together



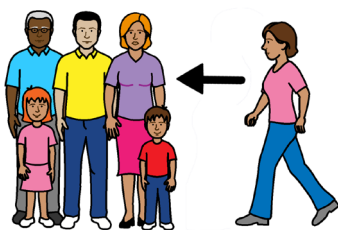
- make sure all people feel welcomed in the Church.

We will pray for Church and community leaders.



We will make **pastoral councils**.

Pastoral councils are groups of Church leaders who help care for the Church community.

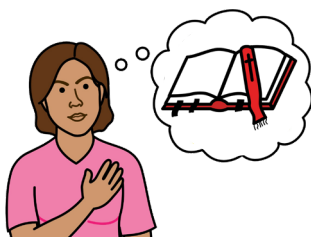


We will

- think about ways to connect with people who do **not** feel welcome



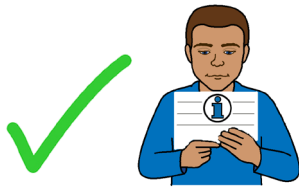
- train more people to lead important Church events



- update what we say in the **Missal** so that more people can connect to it.

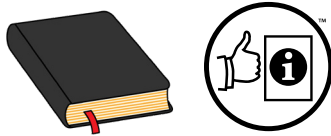


The Missal is a book used in mass.

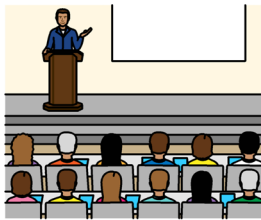


To focus on prayer we will

- give information to people in a way that works for them



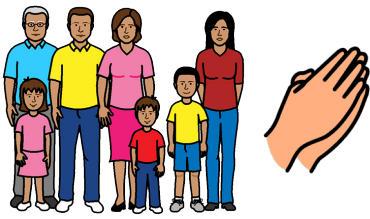
- give parts of the Bible in Easy English for people who find it hard to read



- hold more events that can be led by different people. For example
  - people who teach



- people who play music.

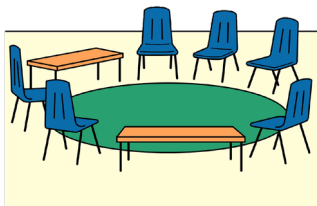


To help young people be part of the Church  
we will

- help families learn how to pray together



- teach young people how to pray



- create places where young people can  
meet to pray



- give more training to our leaders so they  
get the help they need.





We will ask more Church leaders to have jobs that help God's mission.

For example

- in social services



- to help the planet

- in the **justice sector**.



The justice sector includes

- people in court



- people in jail



- victims of crime.



We want to understand

- why more people do **not** want to be part of the Church



- what people need and how the Church can help.



We will teach people about the Church and how to pray in different ways.



People might pray

- online
- in person.



## More information



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