

1. Missionary and Evangelising (972 characters)

Catholics for Renewal Inc prioritises the following actions:

- a. Evangelisation in dialogue, avoiding inappropriate contention with secular culture
- b. Engage those of other faiths, without faith, or alienated from their faith
- c. Look first to the people on the margins
- d. Ordination of women to the diaconate; Holy See to consider priesthood
- c. Urgently explore and resource effective models of lay ecclesial ministry
- d. Consider Wellington NZ Parish Leadership Program (*Launch Out*) for collaborative pastoral ministry
- e. Ensure Vatican II preparation for priesthood
- f. Clerical formation to be undertaken amongst communities of the faithful
- f. Authorise lay Catholic marriage celebrants
- g. God's coming Reign to be foundational to parish living

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2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal (999 characters)

Catholics for Renewal Inc. prioritises the following actions:

- a. Ensure that all Catholics are formed to live their baptismal call
- b. Bishops to respond actively to Pope Francis' call to lead a synodal church - engaging with and accountable to God's people
- c. **NOW prior to Plenary Council:** every diocesan bishop to call an assembly to listen to and understand his people's *sensus fidei*
- d. Legislate mandatory Diocesan Pastoral Councils, regular listening Assemblies, Parish Pastoral Councils, annual diocesan planning and reporting
- e. Appoint suitably qualified lay women and men to roles of senior governance
- f. Request the Holy See to appoint women as heads of Curial dicasteries and repeal Canon 129
- g. Select bishops based on consultation with people of the diocese

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3. Prayerful and Eucharistic (996 characters)

Catholics for Renewal Inc prioritises the following actions:

- a. Full implementation of *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, in particular:
 - Formation of diocesan liturgists
 - Grounded ministerial formation
 - Homiletics
 - Rehabilitative formation for clergy as required
 - RCIA process as normative
 - Renewal of liturgical space

Shaping nature of liturgical prayer

Full, active, conscious participation

- b. Preparation (better inculturation) of overseas clergy for parish ministry
- c. Replace the English translations in the Roman Missal
- c. Form discerning faith communities (underpinned by a Charter of Rights)
- d. Pastoral leaders as people of prayer, receiving regular spiritual direction
- e. Incorporate Australia's First Peoples' spirituality and ritual in prayer and ritual

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4. Humble, healing and merciful (824 characters)

Catholics for Renewal Inc prioritises the following actions:

- a. Focussed support for survivors of clerical child sexual abuse (financial, emotional and spiritual) as well as tangible gestures of lament
- b. All parishes and institutions follow the spirit of Pope Francis in converting to a church of the poor, at the margins
- c. Universally and tangibly embody Pope Francis' call to ecological conversion (e.g. *Season of Creation* initiatives)
- d. "'No' to all forms of clericalism" (Pope Francis)
- e. Declare publicly, humbly and tangibly the shape of our renewed commitment to living Christ's gospel.

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5. A joyful, hope-filled and servant community (938 characters)

Catholics for Renewal Inc prioritises the following actions:

- a. Ensure modelling of the ideal "*See how these Christians love one another*" – in parish communities, ecumenically and interreligiously
- b. Be a church primarily engaged in the coming Reign of God
- c. Assist the church to rediscover and live the Gospel call to be grounded in hope, joy and the gifts of the Spirit
- d. Tangibly, across the church, embrace the spirit and teaching of Pope Francis
- e. "'No' to all forms of clericalism" (Pope Francis)
- f. Embody a seismic institutional shift that will give heart to people: hierarchical accountability, transparency, inclusivity and the long-overdue valuing of the ministry of women and the LGBTIQ community

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6: Open to Conversion, renewal and reform (979 characters)

Catholics for Renewal Inc prioritises the following actions:

- a. Ensure every baptised Catholic has a living understanding of the *sensus fidei fidelium*
- b. Adopt a Charter of Rights and Responsibilities for Christ's faithful
- c. Reform governance to ensure accountability, transparency and inclusion, in decision making and financial management – reflected in equality for women, regular reporting, diocesan and parish pastoral councils, and diocesan synods
- d. Adopt governance principles of co-responsibility, subsidiarity, synodality, collegiality
- e. "'No' to all forms of clericalism" (Pope Francis)
- f. **NOW:** Plenary Council President to appoint a woman co-Chair committed to renewal
- g. Plenary Council to advise the Holy See on necessary universal reforms

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