

6. Group Response Brunswick

1. **Servant Leadership**

We believe God is calling us to be a humble Church with a leadership structure that is truly one of servant leadership, without any sign of clericalism.

We believe Church leadership must embrace the equality of both men and women – with an openness to the ordination of married men to the priesthood and women (at least) to the diaconate.

We believe the Australian Church would be better served by the Plenary Council's decision-making body being open to a greater number of non-clerical members.

2. **The Language of Liturgy and Sacraments**

We believe that God's call to humility must be reflected in the language we use in our worship. Our strong recommendation is that the Australian Church adopt the 1998 translation of the Roman Missal, because the language of the 2011 translation seems pompous and convoluted. Also that we adopt the *Revised New Jerusalem Bible* for a new Australian lectionary. Regarding the Sacraments, we recommend that the Third Rite of Reconciliation be re-introduced.

3. **Open the Windows to the World**

We believe God is calling us to look outward to the modern world with the face of Mercy. As a servant Church, this is seen by our spirit of justice for the poor, for asylum seekers and refugees, and for the earth itself. If we take *Laudato Si* seriously, we will adopt practical measures to protect our earth because it is always the poor who are most affected by climate change.