



Synod 2020

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Building
community,
nurturing
belonging



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The sick and housebound should still feel part of our communities

Some people feel that they don't belong and feel left out

Our parish is important

Belonging to a parish community is good for children and families

Young people should feel fully part of the community

What people said:

It is important to share our faith

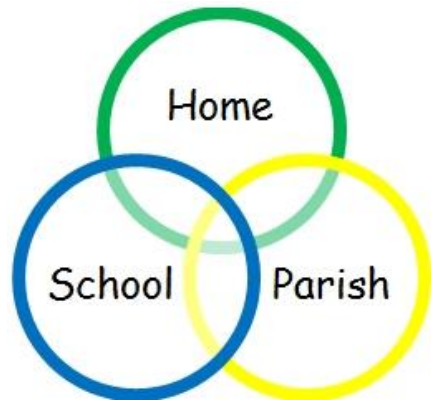
The Church must welcome **EVERYBODY**

We should feel safe and loved in our Church





We are invited to think about the ways our Church can be a welcoming community where everybody feels that they belong.



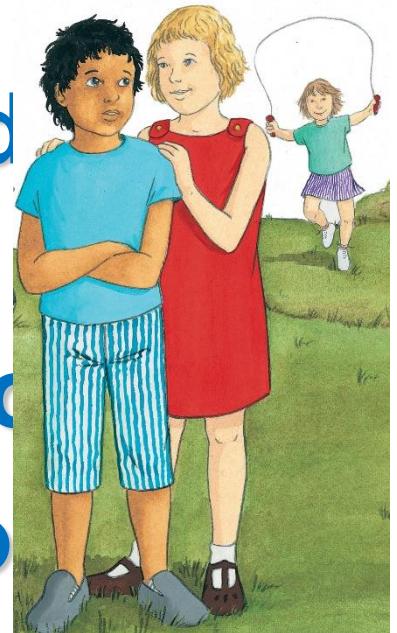
- **We can think about how our school works together with our families and our parish to nurture belonging and to continue to build our community**



- In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear how we are asked to:
'always make people feel



- **Dear Friends,**
- **We all have been given lovely gifts.**
- **When you give, give with a loving heart.**
- **If you have a job to do, do it really well.**
- **If you are helping someone, do it happily.**
- **Be real in your love for each other.**
- **Do not just pretend to be good.**



- **Be wholehearted and enthusiastic in all you do.**
- **Be joyful.**
- **When things get hard, keep on going.**
- **Pray regularly.**
- **Share what you have with people in need.**
- **Always make people feel welcome.**



Pope Francis tells us:

- ‘How beautiful it would be if each of you every evening could say, “Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person!”
- How beautiful!’





Pope Francis reminds us that, we love God by caring and loving each other, this is at the heart of our faith and what it means to belong.





**How can
we build
our
community
and nurture
belonging**



Think about.....

- What can we do to bring our home, school and parish together?
- How can we share our faith with others in our community?
- What would a brilliant Catholic community look like?



**Loving God, as we
open our hearts to
you and in the power
of your Spirit, teach
us to work together**

**with our
home, school and parish to
build a loving community that
will nurture belonging and
where everyone feels welcome.**



DISCUSS:

- **What more can the Catholic Church do to help people build community and nurture belonging?**

Together on the road



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Becoming the Church we are called to be

Thank you!