

## 2. Embracing diversity

### ACTIONS

We believe the Holy Spirit is now urgently calling the People of God:

1. To recognise the terrible harm that homophobic pronouncements cause around the world by contributing directly to divisions within families, loss of employment, damaged reputations, intimidation and violence, criminal punishment, state torture and even capital punishment.
2. To abolish all condemnations of both LGBT couples as “irregular” and “imperfect” and to condemn all forms of conversion therapy.
3. To abolish all manner of excluding inter-religious couples, or couples who have divorced and remarried without an annulment.
4. To recognise God’s love for everyone and to show our respect for everyone.
5. To permit LGBTQ couples to be foster parents and to ensure that nobody is treated with less regard or love for entering into a same-sex civil marriage.
6. To give the sacrament of marriage to couples who have divorced and remarried (but not received an annulment) and to same-sex couples.
7. To share the Eucharist with other Christian denominations.
8. To believe in our right to follow our conscience and encourage others in our community [*Dignitatis Humanae*, Vatican II]
9. To ensure everyone is truly valued and respected without limitations based on gender identity, sexuality, race, class, physical and educational needs, family life, vocation or faith. And to recognize that we are all ‘other’ in some way.
10. To promote knowledge and theology from the perspective of the oppressed such as black, Latinx, and Asian liberation theologies.
11. To ask our parish priest to include women in the Maundy Thursday washing of the feet following the example of Pope Francis on 28 March 2013, Casal del Marmo, Rome.
12. To ensure there is no gender discrimination for lectors and acolytes or in any other aspect of communal worship. *Spiritus Domini*, Pope Francis.

13. To defend the brave priests and religious who are standing up for equality and justice in the church.
14. To take the initiative to support our brothers and sisters of all faiths and none who are being censored, threatened and marginalised. To protest in the name of Jesus for social justice and free speech nationally and internationally, for democracy, for environmental action, for reform in the diocese or parish church, and to support Pope Francis' reforms at the Vatican.
15. To share our stories.
16. To support reform groups.

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