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What is ARC?

• ARC is a group of Catholics committed to achieving change within our Church.

• We wish to see and experience church structures, practices and teachings which more closely reflect the love of Jesus Christ, our friend, as revealed in the Gospels (John 15:14-17).

• We act to highlight issues such as patriarchy and hierarchy. We try to understand and experience the simplicity of Jesus’ message: love, justice and peace.

What does ARC do?

• Converse: we share ideas with each other about the richness of our faith and what we need to practise it.

• Inform: we provide a forum where theological, social and moral issues can be examined. We can then take responsibility for growth and reform.

• Challenge: we speak out on matters that, as church, we must be responsible for changing. Structures, practices and teachings need to reflect what Jesus taught.

For further information on ARC: www.e-arc.org