

# The big assignment

## Task

To produce a multimedia guide to a local Roman Catholic church.

## Objectives

- To research the history, purposes, architecture and features of a Roman Catholic church and how it is used in worship.
- To use evidence from church leaders (possibly the parish priest) and/or worshippers to inform your findings.

## Outcome

To produce an information pack that could be used by a Roman Catholic church to explain to its visitors what it is and what it does.

You should include information about:

- the history of the church

- services and celebrations

- other uses for the building

- features of the church and how they are used in worship

- symbols inside the church

- some of the feelings people have when they are in a church.

## Guidance

- 1 Work in groups of six or seven. Each person should be given a specific job to do, and the rest of the group should support them in carrying it out.
- 2 Suggested jobs:
  - a Asking the leader of a local church to help you with the Big Assignment.
  - b Writing questions to ask the leader of the church.
  - c Asking the questions and writing up the answers.
  - d Filming the interview.
  - e Filming the church (if you are allowed to).
  - f Photographing the various features of the church (if you are allowed to).
  - g Writing up descriptions of the church and the objects inside it.
  - h Drawing diagrams and plans to illustrate your descriptions and explanations.
  - i Writing up explanations of why the objects are included in the church and how they are used in worship.
- 3 As a group, go through the evidence – i.e. the outcomes of each job – and for each one decide what needs to be done to finish it.
- 4 Remember to include instructions for visitors about how they should behave in a church (and why), and how they should treat the objects within a church (and why).
- 5 Your completed information pack should contain your findings in a variety of media: film, photographs, plans, diagrams and writings.
- 6 Present your information pack to the leader of the church, and ask for feedback.
- 7 As a group, evaluate your pack. Decide what you did well and how you could have improved it.

## Assessment

You will be assessed on:

- ✓ how well you use specialist vocabulary
- ✓ your ability to explain the importance of religious objects for worshippers
- ✓ your ability to explain how people should behave in a church, and why
- ✓ how you allocate roles, and how well you work with others
- ✓ your evaluation of the success of your team.