

# Listening, Learning and Leading: The impact of Catholic identity and mission

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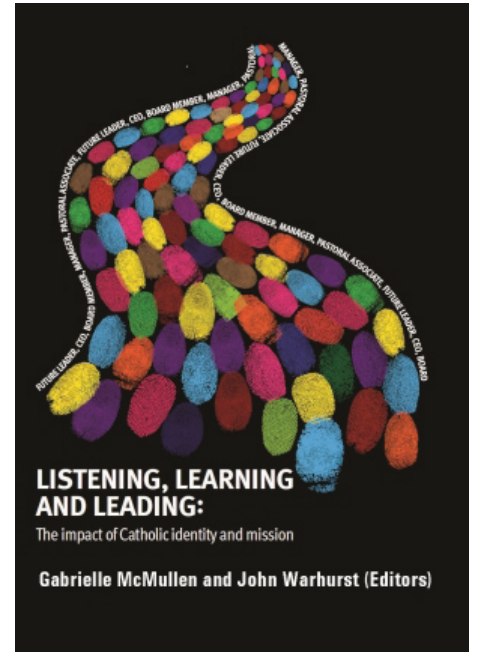
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Many of the chapters in this book are based on papers presented at a conference organised by Catholic Social Services Victoria in 2013. The topic of that conference, the impact of Catholic identity and mission on what we do and how we do it, is relevant to the many parts of the Church working in a culturally diverse Australia. The aim of the conference was to enhance the contribution of the Church to the building of a more just and compassionate society – to enhance our work in building the Kingdom. This book extends that work.

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