

# LATINO SUMMIT AGENDA

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

### Objectives:

**Embrace:** Articulate how the changing demographics of the Church are being seen and felt in Catholic education and how the legacy of Catholic education can inform our future

**Educate:** Be inspired to educate the whole child, celebrating the cultures and languages that enrich your school.

**Empower:** Make a plan to empower children and families to recognize and employ their own unique gifts and talents to renew your community

8:00 a.m. **Check-in** (pan y café)

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

8:45 a.m. **Session 1: Embracing the Call to Empower the Future**

Katy Lichon, Ph.D., Jocelyn Smith, Ed.D.

Session Description: What might it look like for Catholic education to carry its magnificent legacy of serving largely immigrant and linguistically diverse students into the next 100 years? A sign of hope in Catholic schools nationally and here locally can be witnessed in the transformative power of the Latino community. The Catholic Church in America and its magnificent system of schools face a demographic imperative that cannot be ignored, but the moment presents a powerful opportunity. This session will explore the ways in which Catholic schools stand to be transformed by Latino families through gifts that they bring to communities.

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **Session 2: Initial Steps to Make Your School More Welcoming to Latino Families**

Katy Lichon, Ph.D., Jocelyn Smith, Ed.D.

Session Description: As professed by Pope Francis, we are called to promote a culture of encounter in our communities. In this session, we will define "encounter" through the discussion of surface level and deep culture, bridges to home and school, and ways in which the celebration of faith, knowledge, language, and culture is a pathway to strengthening our Catholic schools. We will focus on building relationships and creating an environment that screams "you are all welcome here!" This session will give you practical steps to help you look at your school in a whole new way, physically, socially, and culturally.

11:00 a.m. **Mass with Bishop Elizondo**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch with Mariachi**

1:00 p.m. **Session 3: Creating Collective Action Steps**

Katy Lichon, Ph.D., Jocelyn Smith, Ed.D.

Session Description: This session will facilitate collective brainstorming regarding action steps for your school and community. We will walk through a planning tool developed over a decade of working with Catholic schools successfully committed to welcoming and empowering Latino families.

1:30 p.m. **Break**

1:45 p.m. **Session 4: Resources & Support**

Session Description: This session will consist of three-15 minute “power sessions” designed to share resources to support your work of building a culture of belonging.

2:30p.m. **Session 5: Panel Discussion- Mission in Action**

Session Description: During this session, we will hear from local experts regarding ways to ensure that your Latino families are a vibrant part of your school community. Speakers will share bright spots, lessons learned, and tangible ideas to implement.

3:30p.m. **Wrap up and Closing Remarks**

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

Objectives: Discern, Encounter, Celebrate, Lead

- 9:30-10:00 a.m.      **Check-in** (pan y café)
- 10-10:30 a.m.        **Welcome & Introductions**
- 10:30-11:15 a.m.    **FAMILY Session #1: Small Group Sharing**  
Topic: What fills your heart and what breaks your heart about Catholic Education?
- 10:30-11:15 a.m.**    **Session #1 for School & Parish Staff** (description coming soon!)  
Katy Lichon, Ph.D., Jocelyn Smith, Ed.D.
- 11:15-11:30 a.m.    **Break** (music & raffle)
- 11:30-11:45 a.m.    **Presentation of Major Themes & Problem Statements from Session 1**  
Share highlights of Day 1 with educators & parish staff (planning team)
- 11:45-12:45 p.m.    **Lunch** (dancers, music, raffles)
- 12:45-1:30 p.m.    **FAMILY Session #2: Idea Exchange**  
Topic: What gifts do we possess that can address some of the barriers we have experienced?
- 12:45-1:30 p.m.**    **Session #2 for School & Parish Staff** (description coming soon!)  
Katy Lichon, Ph.D., Jocelyn Smith, Ed.D.
- 1:30-3:15 p.m.      **FAMILY Session #3: Learning** (3- different rotations, 30 minutes each)  
Topics: Growing in leadership, Being an advocate for your children, PAM program
- 1:30-3:15 p.m.**      **Session #3 for School & Parish Staff**  
Group Reflection & Conversation
- 3:30-3:45 p.m.      **Break** (music, raffles)
- 3:45-4:45 p.m.      **FAMILY Session #4: Project Planning**  
Topic: How can we begin planning?
- 3:45-4:45 p.m.**      **School & Parish Staff to join Family Session**
- 5:00 p.m.            Mass (School parents presented with Summit Certificates)