



# ARCHDIOCESE of DETROIT

## REGIONAL CONVENING

*Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities*

**May 6, 2026**

**8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

### AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00** Check-in and light breakfast
- 9:00** Welcome and purpose of day - Rev. David Buersmeyer, Archdiocese of Detroit
- 9:10** Opening comments and prayer - Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Archbishop of Detroit
- 9:20** **Overview of Current Situation and Knowing Your Rights**
- Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration Enforcement
- Real Stories and Experiences of Families
- Legal Considerations: Sensitive Locations and Know Your Rights for ICE/DHS interactions
- The Use of Detention in Deportation
- 10:50** Break
- 11:00** Mass
- 12:00** Lunch (Break into Dioceses to begin Group Discussions)
- 1:00 – 2:30** **How to Respond from a Catholic Perspective to the Current Situation**
- USCCB Initiative
- Developing a Diocesan Plan
- Developing a Parish Plan
- Communications Strategies
- 2:30** Break
- 2:45 – 3:45** Breakout into (arch)diocesan groups
- 3:45 – 4:15** Report Back/Commitments
- 4:15** **Closing Prayer**