Widening the Circle Summer Conference
Call for Proposals
Kennedy Catholic High School
140 S 140th St, Burien, WA 98168
June 22-23, 2027
Empowering Catholic Educators to Serve All Learners

The Widening the Circle Summer Conference invites educators, school leaders, university faculty, and practitioners to submit proposals for presentations that advance inclusive, faith-filled educational practices for students with disabilities in Catholic schools. Inclusion Solutions is proud to partner with the Archdiocese of Seattle for the 2027 event.

Our conference seeks to build the capacity of Catholic educators to embrace and support the gifts, needs, and dignity of every learner. We welcome innovative, practical, and research-based presentations that inspire schools to create communities of belonging where all students can thrive academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally.

Session Format

Presentations may be offered as:

- Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)
- Interactive Workshops (60 minutes)
- Panel Discussions (45 minutes)
- Best Practices Showcases (30 minutes)

Suggested Topics

Inclusive Educational Practices • Universal Design for Learning (UDL) • Inclusive classroom models • Co-teaching strategies • Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)	Disability-Specific Supports • Autism spectrum disorder • Learning disabilities • Intellectual and developmental disabilities • ADHD and executive functioning • Emotional and behavioral supports • Sensory needs
Catholic Identity and Inclusion • Theology of belonging • Disability and Catholic social teaching • Creating welcoming Catholic communities	Leadership and School Culture • Building inclusive school systems • Strategic planning for inclusion • Family engagement • Faculty professional development • Policy and advocacy
Innovative Programs • Evidence-based practices • Case studies • Program implementation and evaluation	

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Proposal Selection Criteria

- Practical application for Catholic educators and school leaders
- Evidence-based or research-informed content
- Presenter expertise
- Audience engagement strategies
- Potential impact on inclusive practices

Submission Timeline

Proposal Submission Deadline: **December 18, 2026**
Notification of Acceptance: **January 15, 2027**
Conference Dates: **June 22-23, 2027**

Presenter Benefits

- Complimentary conference registration
- Share expertise with Catholic educators and leaders
- Contribute to advancing inclusive education in Catholic schools
- Network with practitioners and scholars
- Receive recognition in conference materials

Submit Your Proposal

- Please complete the Speaker Proposal Form linked here.

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