

HOW DO WE KNOW IF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVING LATINOS AND IMMIGRANTS?

**CATHOLIC IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION
INITIATIVE CONFERENCE**

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INTENT VS. IMPACT

- **We all *want* the Church to help immigrants**
- **Those involved see the Church helping immigrants**
 - Anecdotal evidence vs. data
- **How do we know if reality matches our ideal?**

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

1. Local service

- Spanish mass
- Culturally specific services
- Relative to local population size

2. National service

- Prioritization of issues
 - USCCB statements
- Relative to national population

Problem: no data available

LOCAL SERVICE

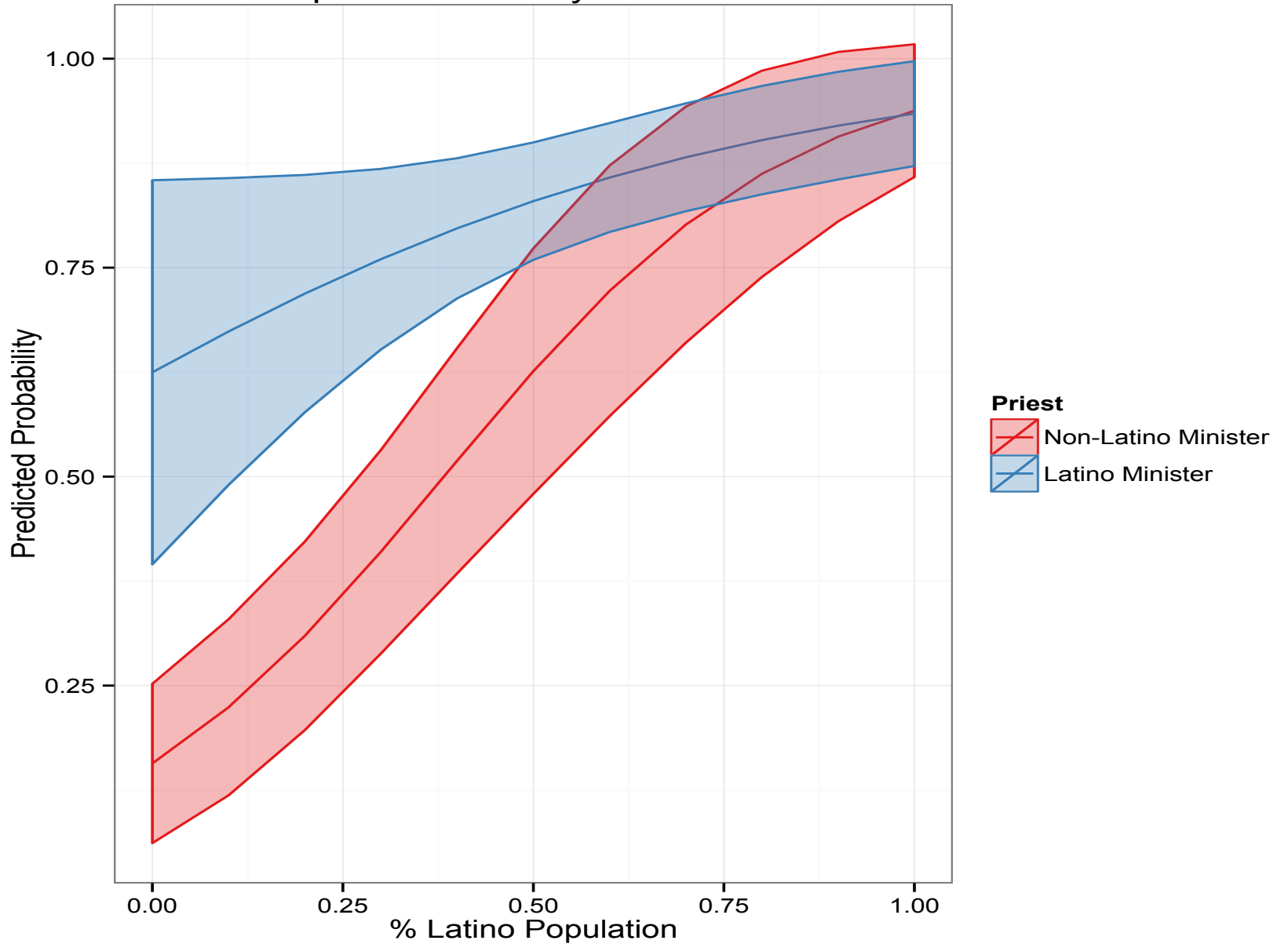
Three locations:

- **San Antonio, TX**
- **Diocese of Yakima, WA**
- **Seattle, WA**

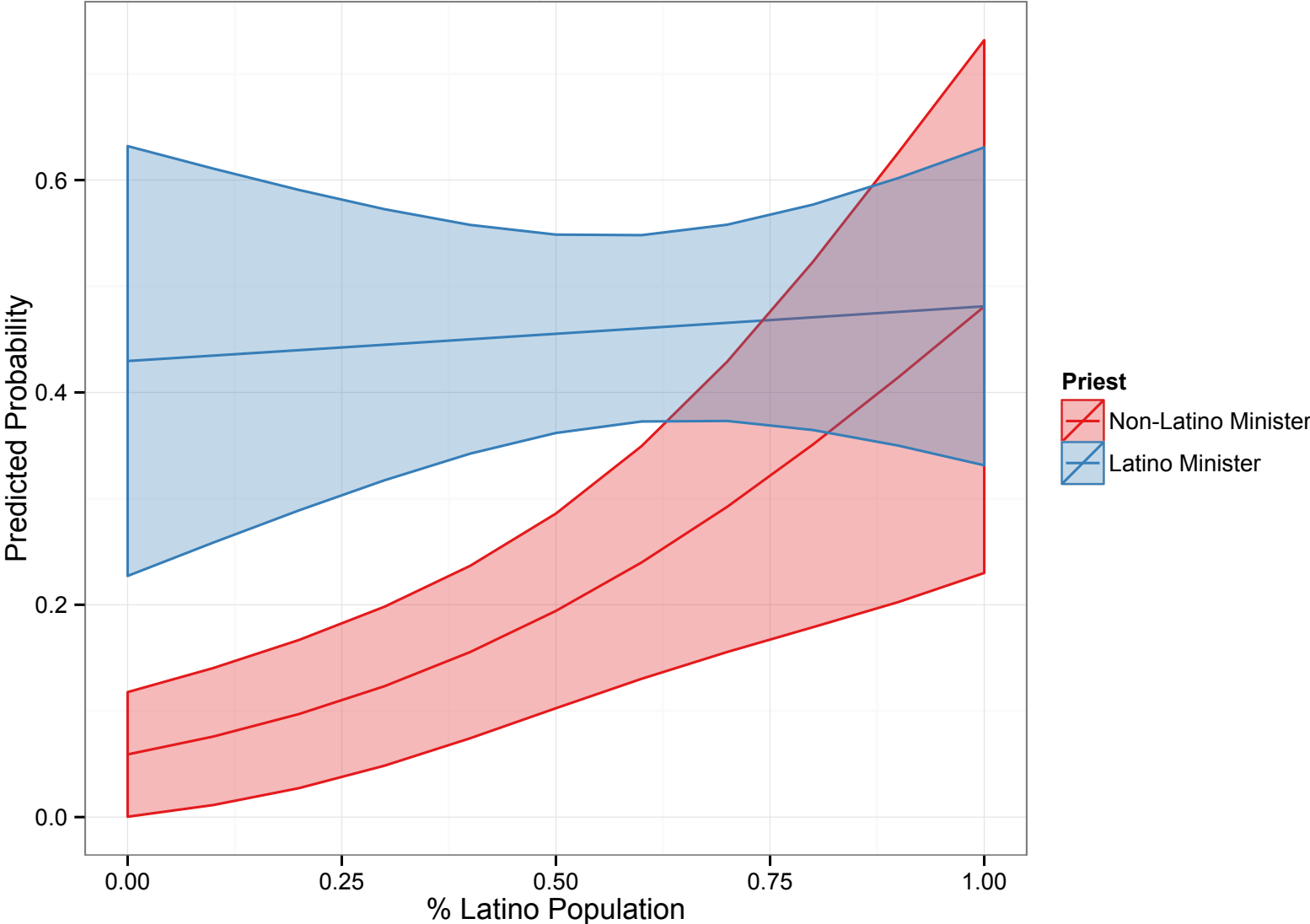
Does a larger population make Spanish mass or Latino services more likely?

Does having a Latino priest or deacon make Spanish mass or Latino services more likely?

Probability of Spanish Mass by Latino Population Density and Latino Minister



Probability of Cultural Services by
Population Density and Latino Minister



LOCAL SERVICE CONCLUSION:

- **Churches very good at providing mass**
- **Churches not very good at providing other services**
- **Latino ministers make a significant difference**
 - Particularly when Latinos not dominant

NATIONAL SERVICE: USCCB

**Does the National Church body prioritize
Immigrant and Latino issues?**

General Assembly Meetings Agendas, 2011-2014

- n=140

Presidential Address, 2011-2014

- n=4

USCCB news release, 2010-2014

- n=1038

Total items: 1182

FINDINGS

Content Analysis	“Immigration”	“Latino/ Hispanic”
General Assembly Items, 2011-14 (N=140)	3	0
Presidential Address, 2011-2014 (N=4)	0	0
USCCB News Release, 2010-2014 (N=1038)	59	4
Total: 1182	62 (5.2%)	4 (0.3%)
Domestic Issues: 410	(15.1%)	(0.9%)

NATIONAL SERVICE: CONCLUSIONS

- **Immigrants prioritized**
- **Discussions limited to policy – not parishes**
- **Latino incorporation and inclusion not a priority**

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- **Good intentions are a great start**
- **Need research to measure impact**
- **Bring actions in closer alignment with stated goals**

THANK YOU!