



Office of Catechesis MEMO

TO: Parish Administrators of Religious Education
Catholic School Administrators
Youth Ministry Administrators

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RE: 2016 - 2017 ACRE Archdiocesan Results

Greetings in Christ the Teacher,

Each year during the month of January, every school, parish, and youth ministry program is asked to formally assess their religious education efforts through the use of the *NCEA IFG: ACRE* instrument (ACRE). Enclosed are the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' average score results for Catholic schools, parishes, and youth ministry programs based on testing that took place during January, 2017. This data is intended to be a reference as you analyze and apply your particular ACRE results to Catholic identity and faith formation efforts at your location.

Please note:

- These are standardized scores and should not be compared to those on a typical grading scale where 95% = A, 86% = B etc.
- Scores should be read in light of hours available for instruction. In schools this is typically 60-120 hours annually (in addition to Mass) depending on grade level. Parish catechetical programs offer a minimum of 30 instructional hours annually.
- Assessment occurs in the context of Archdiocesan content standards, approved textbooks and catechetical certification for instructors.
- Individual Student Reports should be ordered from NCEA and sent home to parents as primary educators of their children. Student data often says as much about catechist formation and overall program traits as it does about each student's progress in knowledge of the Faith.
- ACRE national averages were included in your individual ACRE results and should be referenced for comparison, in conjunction with Archdiocesan averages.

Questions about ACRE administration in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis may be referred to Gabriela Ross, Coordinator of Catechetical Resources: gross@archindy.org. More information is available at www.archindy.org/acre. Thank you for your good use of the ACRE instrument.

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PART I: Knowledge of the Faith

| DOMAIN | ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Knowledge of the Faith | 72.0% |
| Liturgical Life | 70.6% |
| Moral Formation | 78.6% |
| Prayer | 64.5% |
| Communal Life | 71.7% |
| Missionary Spirit | 55.7% |

| PILLAR | ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Creed | 70.1% |
| Liturgy and Sacraments | 70.6% |
| Morality | 73.3% |
| Prayer | 64.5% |

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PART II: Affective Statements

| STATEMENT | PERCENT OF PREFERRED RESPONSES |
|--|--------------------------------|
| CATEGORY 1: RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS | |
| I look upon Jesus as my friend. | 95% |
| I think of God as a loving father. | 97% |
| I pray. | 94% |
| CATEGORY 2: IMAGES OF GOD | |
| God speaks to me through the Bible. | 86% |
| When I pray, God really does listen to me. | 95% |
| Even when I sin, God still loves me. | 99% |
| CATEGORY 3: CATHOLIC IDENTITY | |
| I believe that Jesus is the Son of God. | 99% |
| I believe that Jesus rose from the dead to bring salvation to me and the whole world. | 97% |
| Being a Catholic is important to me. | 91% |
| I have thought about becoming a sister, brother, or priest. | 31% |
| I read the Bible. | 54% |
| I participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (going to confession). | 73% |
| Which statement best describes how regularly you attend Saturday evening / Sunday Mass? | 75% |
| CATEGORY 4: MORALITY | |
| It is all right to copy someone else's homework and say it is mine. | 97% |
| It is alright to try drugs for fun. | 97% |
| CATEGORY 5: RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS | |
| I take time to think about whether my actions are right or wrong. | 82% |
| I can talk to one or both of my parents/ guardians about almost anything. | 90% |
| I care about the people here. | 98% |
| My friends and I talk about whether actions are right or wrong. | 50% |
| My friends and I talk about God. | 60% |
| In the past year, I have performed acts of service (for example, helping with a food drive). | 77% |
| My family gathers together for meals. | 88% |
| My family prays together at home. | 69% |
| CATEGORY 6: PERCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL/PARISH PROGRAM | |
| I like my parish (church). | 98% |
| Students here really care about one another. | 84% |
| People in my parish (church) care about helping others. | 97% |
| The pastor really cares about me. | 95% |
| My parish religion program helps me grow in my Catholic faith. | 94% |

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PART III: Student Concerns

The ACRE survey asks students to respond to a series of statements by choosing whether the issue is: A) Not a problem B) A minor problem C) A big problem or D) No response was given. The following chart includes each of the areas of concern and lists the percentage of students who believe this issue is a problem in their school/parish.

| AREAS OF CONCERN | STUDENTS INDICATING A PROBLEM |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Teasing, bullying, name-calling | 68% |
| Cheating, lack of honesty | 66% |
| Cursing, blasphemy, swearing | 55% |
| Fighting | 51% |
| Racism | 36% |
| Drugs | 28% |
| Alcohol | 28% |
| Personal safety | 22% |