



OCE MEMO

TO: PAREs and Principals

**FROM: Gina Fleming, Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Ken Ogorek, Director of Catechesis**

DATE: October 23, 2013

RE: Level I of ACRE in 5th Grade

Due to decisions made by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) about ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) we will now conduct our first standardized assessment of religion in Grade 5 (v. 6th grade, our previous year of Level I administration). In addition to making our process clearer considering NCEA's order forms, administration manual etc. this switch to Grade 5 offers us several advantages including:

- Greater correspondence to Level I's preferred audience (i.e. 2nd-semester 5th-graders); and
- Better basis for national comparison given that most dioceses administer Level I in Grade 5.

Please disregard all previous communication from our Office of Catholic Education about ACRE Level I being administered in any grade other than Grade 5. Again, in addition to Level III being administered in Grade 11 and Level II being administered in Grade 8, ACRE Level I in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be administered in the 5th grade.

Also regarding ACRE please note that the newly revised 2013 edition of ACRE (also known as NCEA IFG: ACRE Edition) is the one to be used in our Archdiocese for our administration occurring each January. Although NCEA allows older editions to be ordered, the 2013 edition is the one we use. For ordering information please see ncea.caltesting.org. Thank you in advance for completing your ACRE administration in January.

cc: Harry A. Plummer, Executive Director