



## Office of Catechesis MEMO

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

**FROM:** Gabriela Ross, Coordinator of  
Catechetical Resources

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**RE:** ACRE Administration for January 2017

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Each year during the month of January, the NCEA IFG: ACRE instrument (ACRE) is administered in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to assess religious education efforts in all our parish programs and Catholic schools. Whether you've been administering ACRE every year, or are hearing of this standardized test for the first time, this information may be helpful:

- **Why does the Archdiocese of Indianapolis use ACRE?**
  - ACRE results help to improve religious education programs each year.
  - Results can be compared with Archdiocesan and national averages.
  - Data identifies areas for catechist formation and teacher in-service training.
- **Who should participate in ACRE?**
  - Students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 only
  - Parish faith formation, Catholic school religion classes, and youth ministry
  - Parents, as recipients of their child's ACRE Individual Student Report
- **When should ACRE be administered?**
  - Between January 1 and 31, every year
- **How can ACRE materials be ordered?**
  - Order ACRE materials directly from the National Catholic Education Association's assessment partner, CAL Testing, at: [ncea.caltesting.org](http://ncea.caltesting.org). Prices may vary.
  - ACRE is available in test booklet and answer sheet format, or completely online.
  - Order the Individual Student Report and provide to parents.

For additional information, contact Gabriela Ross, Coordinator of Catechetical Resources, at 800-302-9836, ext. 1437 or [gross@archindy.org](mailto:gross@archindy.org) and visit [www.archindy.org/ACRE](http://www.archindy.org/ACRE).

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