

# Frequently Asked Questions About ACRE

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The following are frequently asked questions about the administration of the National Catholic Education Association's *Assessment of Child/Youth Religious Education* (ACRE) in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This list is not intended to be exhaustive. For additional information, please contact the Coordinator of Catechetical Resources.

- **In what grades should ACRE be administered?**
  - Grades 5, 8 and 11 are identified for ACRE in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.
- **When should I order ACRE materials?**
  - You can order them any time; but be sure to build in enough shipping time to have all materials for your January administration of this assessment.
- **Where do I order ACRE materials?**
  - Please order ACRE materials directly from the National Catholic Educational Association's assessment partner, CAL Testing: <http://ncea.caltesting.org>.
- **Should I order the optional Individual Student Report?**
  - Yes. Parents as primary educators of their children need and deserve the feedback that these Individual Student Reports provide.
- **When is ACRE administered?**
  - In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, ACRE is administered in January.
- **How long does it take to administer ACRE?**
  - Between 60 and 80 minutes is usually enough to complete ACRE. The Knowledge and Affective parts can be administered separately if time constraints require it.
- **How much does ACRE cost?**
  - ACRE booklets are \$1.80 each. Order 1/student. Reuse each year.
  - Answer sheets are \$3.75 each. Order new sheets each year, 1/student.
  - Individual student reports are \$1.10 each. Order new each year, 1/student.
  - Catholic Schools that hold a membership with the *National Catholic Education Association* (NCEA) may use their membership number to receive a slight discount on their order of ACRE materials. Parishes may collaborate with deanery catholic schools to order materials.
  - These prices are subject to change at the discretion of NCEA. For the latest pricing, please visit <http://ncea.caltesting.org>.
- **Do I have to use paper and pencil or is ACRE computer-friendly?**
  - Please visit the ACRE website for details on how you can administer ACRE online.
- **What should I do with my ACRE results?**
  - Send the individual student report home. Use your program's report to identify areas where additional formation for teachers and catechists might be needed. Review Archdiocesan average scores and NCEA national scores for further information. Many additional uses for ACRE can help your effort and should be discussed with the Coordinator of Catechetical Resources.
- **What should I do with ACRE materials when finished administering the survey?**
  - Because ACRE questions don't change from year to year it's very important to keep the booklets secure where neither students nor teachers can access them. The ACRE report is what should be used for annual improvement/strategic planning purposes—not the survey itself.