



Office of Catechesis MEMO

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

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RE: 2015 - 2016 ACRE Archdiocesan Results

Greetings in Christ the Teacher,

Each year during the month of January, we ask you to formally assess your religious education efforts through the use of the NCEA IFG: ACRE instrument (ACRE). Enclosed are the results for Archdiocesan average scores in religious education for Catholic schools, parishes, and youth ministry programs based on testing that took place during January, 2016. This data is intended to be a reference for the sake of comparison 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 a typical grading scale where 95% = A, 86% = B etc. Instead, use the data enclosed to see where your program is in comparison to the Archdiocesan average in your particular area.
- Scores should be interpreted in light of hours available for instruction. In schools this is 60-120 hours annually, and for parishes it is a minimum of 30 hours annually.
- Assessment occurs in the context of Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guidelines, textbooks found to be in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and catechetical certification for instructors.
- The attitudes, practices and perceptions data in ACRE are very important. Future Archdiocesan tools will help you continue using this information.
- For information about ACRE in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis contact Gabriela Ross, Coordinator of Catechetical Resources: gross@archindy.org or (317) 236-1437.

Thank you for administering the ACRE assessment and investing in the Catholic Church's mission to witness, teach, and celebrate the gift of our faith.