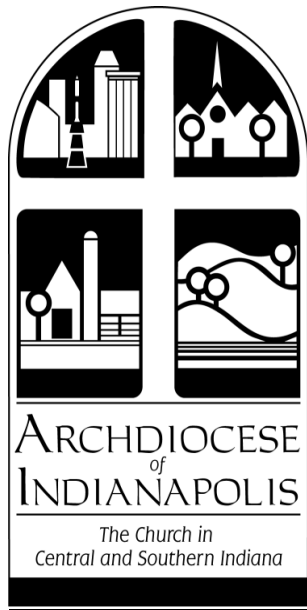


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## Office of Catechesis MEMO

**TO:** Parish Catechetical Leaders  
Catholic School Administrators

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

**DATE:** April 16, 2018

**RE:** 2017 - 2018 ACRE Report

Each year during the month of January, every Parish and Catholic school is asked to formally assess their catechetical efforts through the use of the *NCEA IFG: ACRE* instrument (ACRE). Your participation provides valuable information that guides Archdiocesan, Parish, and School planning for future catechetical efforts. The data on the following pages comes from the Archdiocesan ACRE report and is available to catechetical leaders as a reference to aid in their task of interpreting their local ACRE report.

Catechetical leaders, please be aware...

- Individual Student Reports should be sent home to parents as primary educators of their children.
- ACRE data is provided in the same format as standardized scores and should not be compared to a typical grading scale where 95% = A, 86% = B etc.
- Data should be read while keeping in mind the hours available for catechetical instruction. This is typically 30+ hours for a Parish and 60+ hours for a School.
- Assessment occurs in the context of Archdiocesan catechetical curriculum guidelines, approved textbooks and catechist formation. To learn more, visit <http://www.archindy.org/catechesis/resources.html>.
- To reference the national ACRE report, please visit <https://ncea.ets.org/resources.html>.
- For helpful resources related to ACRE administration and interpretation, visit <http://www.archindy.org/acre/index.html>.
- For any other questions related to ACRE, contact Gabriela Ross in the Office of Catechesis at (317) 236-1437 or [gross@archindy.org](mailto:gross@archindy.org).

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Thank you for your commitment to Catechesis in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

**PART I: Knowledge of the Faith**

DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE
Knowledge of the Faith	72.3 %
Liturgical Life	72.8 %
Moral Formation	74.0 %
Prayer	81.7 %
Communal Life	76.5 %
Missionary Spirit	74.2 %

PILLAR	ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE
Creed	75.6 %
Liturgy and Sacraments	73.7 %
Morality	74.2 %
Prayer	73.8 %

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**PART II: Affective Statements**

STATEMENT	PERCENT OF PREFERRED RESPONSES
<b>CATEGORY 1: RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS</b>	
I believe that Jesus rose from the dead to bring salvation to me and the whole world.	93 %
I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.	83 %
I would like to learn how to get closer to God.	90 %
I believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.	82 %
I like my parish (church).	87 %
<b>CATEGORY 2: IMAGES OF GOD</b>	
When I pray, God really does listen to me.	84 %
Even when I sin, God still loves me.	92 %
I think of God as a loving father.	87 %
It is all right to copy someone else's homework and call it my own.	85 %
I read the Bible.	30 %
<b>CATEGORY 3: CATHOLIC IDENTITY</b>	
I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.	94 %
I believe the Bible is the inspired word of God.	92 %
Being a Catholic is important to me.	75 %
The Catholic faith affects my everyday life.	72 %
My faith helps me understand what God's call is for me in this world.	76 %
I have learned enough about the Catholic faith to explain it to others.	87 %
I pray.	76 %
Which statement best describes how regularly you attend Saturday evening/Sunday Mass?	65 %
<b>CATEGORY 4: MORALITY</b>	
I have thought about my vocation in life.	76 %
It is important for me to share my gifts to help others.	95 %
I take time to think about whether my actions are right or wrong.	86 %
I am responsible for helping to make the world a better place.	93 %
It is all right to try drugs for fun.	90 %
It is all right for a couple to live together before getting married.	27 %
It is important to me to wait until marriage before having sex.	65 %
I think euthanasia is wrong under any condition.	65 %
People in my parish care about helping others.	92 %
I value the cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity in the global Catholic Church.	93 %
I participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (going to confession).	51 %
My friends and I talk about moral issues.	60 %
In the past year, I have performed acts of service (for example, helping at a soup kitchen).	90 %
In the past year, I have participated in acts of justice (for example, attending a social justice rally).	30 %

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<b>CATEGORY 5: RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS</b>	
I care about the people here.	96 %
It is all right for people my age to drink alcohol at a party with friends.	81 %
I talk with others about my faith.	56 %
My family gathers together for meals.	83 %
My family prays together at home.	50 %
I talk about serious issues with one or both of my parents/guardians.	68 %
<b>CATEGORY 6: PERCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL/PARISH PROGRAM</b>	
If I thought someone I am close to was becoming addicted to drugs or having a problem with alcohol, I would talk to an adult I trust.	84 %
I belong to a teen-friendly parish.	82 %
The pastor really cares about me.	82 %
Students here really care about one another.	77 %
My school/parish religion program helps me grow in my Catholic faith.	80 %
I participate in youth activities at my parish.	38 %

**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
Cursing, blasphemy, swearing	78 %
Cheating, lack of honesty	75 %
Teasing, bullying, name-calling	69 %
Alcohol	59 %
Drugs	57 %
Racism	44 %
Fighting	32 %
Personal safety	27 %