



## Office of Catechesis MEMO

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

**FROM: Jim Wood  
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**RE: 2020 - 2021 ACRE Report**

Each year during the month of January, every Parish and Catholic school is required 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 and school administrators as a reference to aid in their task of interpreting their local ACRE report.

- Individual Student Reports can be ordered by parish and school to be distributed.
- 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://www.nceaifg.com/>.
- 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 Jim Wood in the Office of Catechesis at (317) 236-1569 or [jwood@archindy.org](mailto:jwood@archindy.org).

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

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**PART I: Knowledge of the Faith**

DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE
Knowledge of the Faith	65.1 % (63.8 %*)
Liturgical Life	54.0 % (53.7 %)
Moral Formation	76.6 % (70.3 %)
Prayer	53.5 % (56.4 %)
Communal Life	52.3 % (60.4 %)
Missionary Spirit	42.0 % (44.7 %)

PILLAR	ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE
Creed	59.8 % (61.0 %)
Liturgy and Sacraments	54.0 % (53.7 %)
Morality	66.4 % (64.2 %)
Prayer	53.5 % (56.4 %)

(\*indicates last year's percentage)

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**PART II: Affective Statements**

STATEMENT	PERCENT OF PREFERRED RESPONSES
<b>CATEGORY 1: RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS</b>	
I look upon Jesus as my friend.	91 % (86 %*)
I think of God as a loving father.	96 % (90 %)
I pray.	86 % (91 %)
<b>CATEGORY 2: IMAGES OF GOD</b>	
God speaks to me through the Bible.	91 % (80 %)
When I pray, God really does listen to me.	100 % (89 %)
Even when I sin, God still loves me.	100 % (92 %)
<b>CATEGORY 3: CATHOLIC IDENTITY</b>	
I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.	100 % (97 %)
I believe that Jesus rose from the dead to bring salvation to me and the whole world.	96 % (96 %)
Being a Catholic is important to me.	96 % (86 %)
I have thought about becoming a sister, brother, or priest.	9 % (34 %)
I read the Bible.	46 % (58 %)
I participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (going to confession).	41 % (74 %)
Which statement best describes how regularly you attend Saturday evening / Sunday Mass?	64 % (77 %)
<b>CATEGORY 4: MORALITY</b>	
It is all right to copy someone else's homework and say it is mine.	96 % (95 %)
It is alright to try drugs for fun.	96 % (92 %)
<b>CATEGORY 5: RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS</b>	
I take time to think about whether my actions are right or wrong.	91 % (83 %)
I can talk to one or both of my parents/ guardians about almost anything.	96 % (84 %)
I care about the people here.	100 % (90 %)
My friends and I talk about whether actions are right or wrong.	36 % (52 %)
My friends and I talk about God.	27 % (50 %)
In the past year, I have performed acts of service (for example, helping with a food drive).	59 % (69 %)
My family gathers together for meals.	100 % (85 %)
My family prays together at home.	68 % (68 %)
<b>CATEGORY 6: PERCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL/PARISH PROGRAM</b>	
I like my parish (church).	100 % (93 %)
Students here really care about one another.	100 % (84 %)
People in my parish (church) care about helping others.	100 % (93 %)
The pastor really cares about me.	96 % (89 %)
My parish religion program helps me grow in my Catholic faith.	96 % (91 %)

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**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
Cheating, lack of honesty	48 % (57 %*)
Teasing, bullying, name-calling	48 % (59 %)
Fighting	48 % (47 %)
Cursing, blasphemy, swearing	70 % (57 %)
Racism	26 % (35 %)
Drugs	26 % (31 %)
Alcohol	26 % (31 %)
Personal safety	17 % (23 %)

(\*indicates last year's percentage)