



Office of Catechesis MEMO

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

**FROM: Jim Wood
Coordinator of Catechetical Resources**

DATE: July 7, 2021

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.

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

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis
2020-2021 ACRE Report
School Data | Grade 8**

PART I: Knowledge of the Faith

DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE
Knowledge of the Faith	74.7 % (74.0 %*)
Liturgical Life	69.7 % (70.3 %)
Moral Formation	82.1 % (80.6 %)
Prayer	72.5 % (72.7 %)
Communal Life	63.7 % (63.0 %)
Missionary Spirit	81.4 % (78.8 %)

(*indicates last year's percentage)

PILLAR	ARCHDIOCESAN AVERAGE
Creed	71.6 % (71.0 %*)
Liturgy and Sacraments	71.2 % (71.0 %)
Morality	80.8 % (79.1 %)
Prayer	72.5 % (72.7 %)

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis
2020-2021 ACRE Report
School Data | Grade 8**

PART II: Affective Statements

STATEMENT	PERCENT OF PREFERRED RESPONSES
CATEGORY 1: RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS	
I believe that Jesus rose from the dead to bring salvation to me and the whole world.	96 % (97 %*)
I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.	87 % (89 %)
I think of God as a loving father.	92 % (92 %)
I read the Bible.	46 % (44 %)
CATEGORY 2: IMAGES OF GOD	
When I pray, God really does listen to me.	88 % (90 %)
Even when I sin, God still loves me.	98 % (97 %)
I pray.	88 % (89 %)
CATEGORY 3: CATHOLIC IDENTITY	
I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.	98 % (98 %)
Being a Catholic is important to me.	84 % (87 %)
The Catholic faith affects my everyday life.	79 % (78 %)
I have thought about becoming a sister, brother, or priest.	21 % (18 %)
I take time to think about whether my actions are right or wrong.	87 % (85 %)
It is all right for people my age to drink alcohol at a party with friends.	97 % (95 %)
I have learned enough about the Catholic faith to explain it to others.	84 % (85 %)
I participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (going to confession).	60 % (65 %)
Which statement best describes how regularly you attend Saturday evening/Sunday Mass?	66 % (73 %)
CATEGORY 4: MORALITY	
My faith helps me understand what God's call is for me in this world.	81 % (82 %)
I am willing to confront friends who are doing something wrong.	86 % (84 %)
I am responsible for helping to make the world a better place.	89 % (90 %)
It is all right to copy someone else's homework and call it my own.	95 % (94 %)
It is all right to try drugs for fun.	97 % (97 %)
It is all right for a couple to live together before getting married.	20 % (21 %)
It is important to me to wait until marriage before having sex.	75 % (77 %)
I think euthanasia is wrong under any condition.	71 % (66 %)
I value the cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity in the global Catholic Church.	97 % (95 %)
In the past year, I have performed acts of service (for example, helping at a soup kitchen).	80 % (88 %)
In the past year, I have participated in acts of justice (for example, attending a social justice rally).	26 % (24 %)
CATEGORY 5: RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS	
I care about the people here.	98 % (97 %)

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis
2020-2021 ACRE Report
School Data | Grade 8**

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.	90 % (88 %)
I talk with others about my faith.	68 % (67 %)
The pastor really cares about me.	90 % (91 %)
My friends and I talk about whether actions are right or wrong.	60 % (62 %)
My family gathers together for meals.	88 % (89 %)
My family prays together at home.	57 % (52 %)
I talk about serious issues with one or both of my parents/guardians.	70 % (73 %)
CATEGORY 6: PERCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL/PARISH PROGRAM	
I like my parish (church).	93 % (97 %)
I belong to a youth-friendly parish.	91 % (91 %)
Students here really care about one another.	87 % (84 %)
People in my parish (church) care about helping others.	97 % (96 %)
My school/parish religion program helps me grow in my Catholic faith.	90 % (89 %)
I participate in youth activities at my parish.	59 % (59 %)

(*indicates last year's percentage)

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
Teasing, bullying, name-calling	68 % (71 %*)
Cursing, blasphemy, swearing	69 % (77 %)
Cheating, lack of honesty	66 % (74 %)
Racism	49 % (48 %)
Fighting	46 % (50 %)
Personal safety	41 % (38 %)
Drugs	42 % (42 %)
Alcohol	41 % (38 %)

(*indicates last year's percentage)