Dear Parent,

I am writing to let you know your child(ren) will soon take the ARK Test. This letter explains what the ARK test is, and what we can expect to learn from the results.

ARK stands for Assessment of Religious Knowledge. It is a short, multiple choice test that asks straightforward questions to assess your knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Question comes from six main topics: the Creed, the Sacraments, morality, prayer, Christian discipleship, and virtue.

ARK is unlike most standardized tests in these ways:

* It is taken on a computer or tablet, and can be taken remotely if needed.
* The questions were drafted and refined by Catholic school teachers all over the U.S.
* It is short (25-50 minutes depending on grade).
* It offers personalized resources for enrichment based on your child’s results.

ARK also contains a short, anonymous section which asks students if they believe and live out some of the teachings of the Catholic faith. This section is not scored and forms no part of your child’s score. It serves only to help me understand where our school community is on their spiritual journey.

ARK is not for a grade. Your child does not have to study for it! We are committed to using our results simply to do a better job serving you, the families of SCHOOL NAME.

Our entire staff will also be taking the adult version of ARK, because faith formation is truly a life-long endeavor! The ARK Test will help us understand where we are doing well, and where we can improve. Specifically, the test will show the areas where your child is strong, and where we can do a better job of helping them.

Scores will be available later this Spring, and you will be able to see how well your child did compared to others in their grade level all over the country. I will send more information at that time on understanding their score, as well as personalized resources for enrichment provided by ARK based on your child’s results.

Please let me know if you have any questions.