

NCEA ACRE ORDER FORM

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NCEA Member Number

ACRE to be used in: (Please check all that apply)

School Program Parish-Based Religious Education Program Other

NCEA ACRE Prices:

• Check one: English Spanish

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| ACRE 1 (Gr. 5) QTY | ACRE 2 (Gr. 8-9) QTY | ACRE 3 (Gr. 11-12) QTY |
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Member or Non-Member

• Answer Sheet: _____ + _____ + _____ @ \$2.75 or \$3.50 = \$ _____

• Booklets: _____ + _____ + _____ @ \$1.20 or \$1.55 = \$ _____

• Optional Single page Student Reports:
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• ACRE Workshops: DVD Video
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• Header sheets (no charge): _____ (A header sheet is required for each group report.)

• Opt out of Electronic Reports:

For one group report \$10.00 = \$ _____

For additional group reports _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Shipping and Handling Costs (as of July 2008):

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| Answer Sheets only (no booklets) | \$ 9.50 |
| 1-10 booklets plus any number of answer sheets..... | \$ 9.50 |
| 11-50 booklets plus any number of answer sheets..... | \$17.00 |
| 51-200 booklets plus any number of answer sheets..... | \$22.00 |
| 201 or more booklets plus any number of answer sheets..... | \$32.00 |

Next Day and 2nd Day Air available for additional \$15.00. Call CAL for details.

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NCEA ACRE-IFG ENDORSEMENTS:

The ACRE assessment has proved extremely valuable in assisting our schools with ongoing program improvement. It allows schools to assess strengths and growth areas, and gives excellent data and insight for growth. Because of this, it is also an effective tool utilized within the framework of our schools' regional accreditation process.

Sally Todd
Associate Superintendent of Schools
Diocese of Orange

ACRE has allowed us to understand that the curriculum for the diocese has to be religious based in all academic areas. We use the results to help us discuss on administrative levels the development of religious curriculum. We also use the results to see how we could better approach secular subjects and religious values. It is the best assessment tool we have for religious educational values.

Charles LeBlanc
Director of Schools
Diocese of Dallas

With ACRE, we can see what children are learning and we better understand how they are living their faith in their lives. Not only has this helped us to improve the quality of catechesis for our children, but it has also given us tremendous insight in planning for adult and family faith formation opportunities.

Leisa Anslinger
Pastoral Associate, Evangelization, Catechesis and Stewardship
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cincinnati, OH

Our diocese has found the revised IFG to be an excellent tool for assessing the faith formation needs of administrators, teachers, and catechists. It is easy to administer, and provides the technical excellence and reliable data we need to improve the planning and effectiveness of our spiritual development programs.

Jerry Sanderson
Associate Superintendent
Diocese of Peoria

The Faith Knowledge and the Affective reports give a total picture of the religion programs in each parish and Catholic school and the total diocesan instructional program. In our diocese we saw an identifiable improvement in the understanding of the concept of "Church History." The additional use of Appendix C (curriculum alignment) and Appendix D (locally constructed items) ensures that the program is well rounded for any diocese. I strongly recommend the use of NCEA ACRE Assessment annually.

Sr. Mary Ann Corr, SC
Director, Office of Christian Formation
Diocese of Steubenville

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NCEA ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS

Since the late 1970's NCEA has offered assessment instruments designed to strengthen catechetical/religious education programs. Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE for students) helps school, parish and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools and parish-based religious education programs. Information for Growth (IFG for adults) helps faith formation/religious education leaders identify on-going faith formation needs of adults.

A NEW DAWN FOR FAITH ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS:

NCEA ACRE - Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education

NCEA ACRE is designed to assist in the evaluation of catechetical / religious education programs in Catholic schools and parishes. As an integrated assessment tool, NCEA ACRE provides faith knowledge questions (cognitive domain) and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions (affective domain). As a multilevel, age appropriate tool, NCEA ACRE is used in grade 5 (Level 1); grades 8 or 9 (Level 2); and grades 11 or 12 (Level 3).

NCEA ACRE Content Specifications

Based on the following Domains or Content Specifications, NCEA ACRE measures religious knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, practices and perceptions.

- God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Church: One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic
- Liturgy and Sacraments
- Revelation: Scripture and Faith
- Life in Christ: Morality and Catholic Social Teaching
- Church History
- Prayer/Religious Practices
- Catholic Faith Literacy



NCEA ACRE Reports

All reports are sent electronically via email. Opt out of electronic reports for an additional fee by indicating the number of reports on the order form. Group Reports: The local site, parish or Catholic school, will receive a group report for each NCEA ACRE level used. Diocesan level leaders can also request a composite summary report of all NCEA ACRE participating schools and parishes in the (arch)diocese. Each report will include:

- An item-by-item breakdown of the group's responses
- Standards-based reports with performance "cut scores"
- A graphic summary of group responses for religious knowledge
- A curriculum/program needs assessment summary
- A set of seven graphic summaries according to the following reporting categories:
 1. Catholic Identity
 2. Images of God
 3. Morality
 4. Relationship with Jesus
 5. Student's Concerns
 6. Relationship with Others
 7. Perception about School/Parish Religious Education Program

Parent/Home Connection: Optional, individual student reports on the faith knowledge section only will be available by request from the local site at an additional cost.

NCEA ACRE Scoring:

There is no set time for administering NCEA ACRE to students. The diocese or local site sets the assessment date. Note: Answer sheets can be scored any time during the academic year or summer for parish summer programs.



SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR ADULTS

IFG-Information for Growth

The Information for Growth (IFG) self-assessment survey is designed to assist individuals in evaluating their personal level of religious knowledge and spirituality. It also provides dioceses, parishes, schools, and adult faith formation program leaders with group information to use in planning on-going faith formation initiatives.

IFG Content Specifications

The 2006 Revised IFG bases its blueprint on the Six Dimensions of Adult Faith Formation Content as outlined in the U.S. Bishops' document, *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States*. The six dimensions are as follows:

- Knowledge of the Faith
- Liturgical Life
- Moral Formation
- Prayer
- Communal Life
- Missionary Spirit

IFG Reports

All reports are sent electronically via email. Opt out of electronic reports for an additional fee by indicating the number of reports on the order form. Each participant will receive an individualized and confidential summary of information based on the IFG questions. The group coordinator (Parish Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Adult Education Director, Director of the Catechumenate, Catechetical Leader, etc.) automatically receives a local group summary report. A Diocesan Superintendent of Schools or Director of Religious Education is eligible to receive a free composite summary report of adult participants, but must request this report from CAL and give a date for receiving the report. Request form is available online at www.ncea.org.

IFG reports provide a summary of a person's cognitive understanding of the six dimensions in *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* in relation to their attitudes in these same areas. The reports provide references to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* to encourage further study and growth.



IFG Online

IFG may be taken online or with paper and pencil. Both options can be used with a group or by an individual. Upon ordering, online users will receive via email a username, password and specific instructions on how to take the survey. The survey must be accessed within a certain amount of time or the password will expire. Reports are emailed within 48 hours of completion of the survey.

Use the attached form to order or go online at www.caltesting.org. Individuals ordering IFG online must remit payment with the order to receive the username and password. Online group orders will be billed based on the actual number of users upon completion of the survey window.

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