

## NCEA ACRE ORDER FORM

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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

ACRE 1 (Gr. 5) QTY	ACRE 2 (Gr. 8-9) QTY	ACRE 3 (Gr. 11-12) QTY	<i>Member or Non-Member</i> @ \$2.75 or \$3.50 = \$ _____
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  - Answer Sheet: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.20 or \$1.55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Booklets: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.20 or \$1.55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Optional Single page Student Reports:  
(QTY) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ .85 or \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ACRE Workshops:  DVD  Video  
(QTY) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 or \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Shipping & Handling: *(See below; allow four weeks for delivery)* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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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201 or more booklets plus any number of answer sheets.....	\$32.00

*Next Day and 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Air available for additional \$15.00. Call CAL for details.*

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## NCEA ACRE-IFG ENDORSEMENTS:

*The use of ACRE has widened opportunities for the diocesan offices of religious education and Catholic schools to collaborate in meaningful ways. The curriculum alignment exercise and report analysis process allow school, parish, and blended teams—comprised of both parish and school community members—to engage in meaningful and animated discussion over what we hold in common—our desire to provide our students with a complete and systematic presentation of our Catholic faith tradition.*

**Jayne Mondoy, MA**  
 Diocesan Director of Religious Education  
 Diocese of Honolulu

**Carmen Himenes, Ed.D**  
 Superintendent  
 Hawaii Catholic Schools  
 Diocese of Honolulu

*Our experience with the ACRE survey began more than 10 years ago; it has been a very positive and effective tool for evaluating the growth of our program. We had the opportunity to purchase the New ACRE cartridges for the "Pflaum - Classroom Jeopardy Game." Catechists and students were excited at the prospect of having this new medium for teaching and learning with this interactive game.*

**Cathy McGuire**  
 Coordinator of Religious Education, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ

*The Information for Growth Survey (IFG) is an assessment tool with flexibility, spirit and truth! In our archdiocese, it served to catalyze a renewed understanding and commitment to the value of ongoing faith formation, and a revitalization of our certification efforts with Catechists, Principals, PCLs and YMLs.*

**Ms. Gwen Byrd**  
 Superintendent of Catholic Schools  
 Secretary for Education  
 Archdiocese of Mobile

**Mrs. Rebecca Tiftord**  
 Director of Religious Education  
 Archdiocese of Mobile

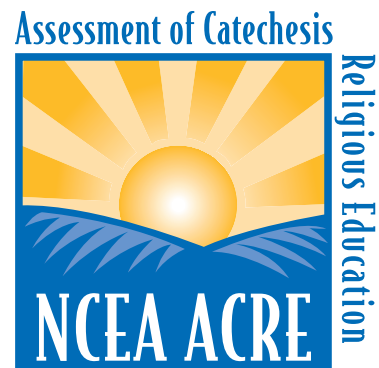
*The IFG instrument is very helpful in assessing the religious knowledge of inquirers who approach the RCLA. It makes it possible to develop catechesis that effectively addresses their situation. Keep up the good work.*

**Deacon Dick Bowles**  
 St. Paul Parish, Colorado Springs, Colorado

*"When I was a pastor with a school, I saw ACRE as a wonderful opportunity to find out how we were doing in communicating the basic truths of the Catholic Faith to our students. I used the content of the questions they missed as the material for our future meetings. It proved an invaluable tool in their education and growth as students of the Catholic faith and made my job as a pastor of souls easier. I highly recommend this tool to all pastors, especially those with schools."*

**Father Kevin Augustyn**  
 Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Boulder, Colorado

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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.

### ASSESSMENT FOR 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 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](http://www.ncea.org).

IFG reports provide a summary of a person's cognitive understanding of the six dimensions of adult faith in *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* as well as 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 [ncea.caltesting.org](http://ncea.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.

### NCEA ACRE and IFG Orders, Scoring and Reporting Activities:

NCEA owns and maintains both NCEA ACRE and IFG. Call 800-711-6232 for information on the administration and interpretation of NCEA ACRE-IFG. Go to [www.ncea.org](http://www.ncea.org) to find out more about NCEA ACRE-IFG.

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