

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TESTING

A uniform program of testing is determined by the Catholic Schools Office for students of the diocese.

Achievement tests and the dates for administering them will be specified by the Catholic Schools Office. These tests will be administered to all students in Grades 3, 5, 7, 9-12, to assess the academic standing and projected needs of the students in the Catholic school system. Maximum use of the information gained from a proper study of test results will enable the teacher to focus attention throughout the year on areas of student needs. It is important to remember that standardized testing is of limited value in assessing individual student growth. It may be used, in conjunction with other evaluative measures, in assessing educational programs. Caution should be exercised not to overemphasize standardized test results. Test results will be made available to parents/guardians.

The Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) Survey is administered annually to students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 or 12. ACRE is a domain referenced instrument designed to gather information about students' religious knowledge and attitudes. It is used to evaluate program effectiveness rather than student achievement. No individual student scores are produced.

All costs of testing are paid by the individual school.