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Date: April 2014  
To: Fr. Pepper, School Board members, Teachers, Parents and Students  
From: Mrs. Breunig  
Re: 2014 ACRE Assessment

In February students in grades 5 and 8 were administered the national Catholic assessment, the NCEA IFG (National Catholic Education Association Information for Growth). This assessment is more commonly known as the ACRE exam. Prior to this year, students took the NCEAACRE exam; this year, however, the test has undergone a revision and name change.

The NCEA IFG results you will see do not include comparisons to national scores or prior St. Dominic School scores since this is the first year for the revised assessment. Only St. Dominic scores are available at this time. Archdiocesan scores will be reported at a later date.

The test itself is divided into two distinct parts: Faith Knowledge and Personal Beliefs, Attitudes, Practices and Perceptions. Part 1 asks the students questions about Church teachings. Students' scores from Part 1 provide insight into their cognitive or "head" knowledge of their Catholic faith. Part 2 asks the students questions about their personal beliefs, attitudes, practices and perceptions. Scores from Part 2 reveal students' affective knowledge and practice of Catholicism, or their "heart and hands" knowledge. Only Part I responses are scored according to a scale (Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement); Part II is administered to provide special insight into student concerns and interests and to determine areas of concern that may indicate a need for special programs and services or adjustments to existing programs and services.

If you have any questions about the ACRE, please feel free to contact your child's Religion teacher (Mrs. Ellery) or me.

Sincerely,

# NCEA IFG/ACRE Grade: 5

Assessment Date: February 2014

<b>A</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>(89% and above)</b>	<b>Superior knowledge and understanding</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>(64%-88%)</b>	<b>Satisfactory knowledge and understanding</b>
<b>NI</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>(Below 64%)</b>	<b>Below-basic knowledge and understanding</b>

		<b>St. Dominic</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>Archdiocese</b>
<b>Part I--Faith Knowledge</b>				
% Students Scoring in the <u>Advanced</u> Range		38%		
% Students Scoring in the <u>Proficient</u> Range		62%		
% Students Scoring in the <u>Needs Improvement</u> Range		0%		
<b>Domain 1</b>	Knowledge of the Faith	<b>A</b> 92%		
<b>Domain 2</b>	Liturgical Life	<b>A</b> 89%		
<b>Domain 3</b>	Moral Formation	<b>P</b> 87%		
<b>Domain 4</b>	Prayer	<b>P</b> 78%		
<b>Domain 5</b>	Communal Life	<b>P</b> 85%		
<b>Domain 6</b>	Missionary Spirit	<b>P</b> 67%		

# NCEA IFG/ACRE Grade: 5

Assessment Date: February 2014

## Part 2--Affective Statements: Beliefs, Attitudes, Practices, and Perceptions

Student responses to questions in Part 2 are confidential. The following is a sampling of questions and the percent of preferred responses.

	<u>St. Dominic</u>	<u>Archdiocese</u>
I think of Jesus as my friend	95%	N/A
I pray	100%	
When I pray, God listens to me	100%	
When I sin, God still loves me	100%	
Being a Catholic is important to me	91%	
I have thought about becoming a sister, brother or priest	43%	
I read the Bible	67%	
I regularly attend Saturday evening/Sunday Mass	86%	
I can talk to one/both of my parents about almost anything	86%	
I take time to think about whether my actions are right or wrong	95%	
My family prays together at home	76%	
Students here really care about each other	95%	

# NCEA IFG/ACRE Grade: 8

Assessment Date: February 2014

<b>A</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>(89% and above)</b>	<b>Superior knowledge and understanding</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>(64%-88%)</b>	<b>Satisfactory knowledge and understanding</b>
<b>NI</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>(Below 64%)</b>	<b>Below-basic knowledge and understanding</b>

		St. Dominic	National	Archdiocese
<b>Part I--Faith Knowledge</b>				
% Students Scoring in the <u>Advanced</u> Range				
% Students Scoring in the <u>Proficient</u> Range				
% Students Scoring in the <u>Needs Improvement</u> Range				
<b>Domain 1</b>	Knowledge of the Faith	P 81%		
<b>Domain 2</b>	Liturgical Life	P 87%		
<b>Domain 3</b>	Moral Formation	A 92%		
<b>Domain 4</b>	Prayer	P 84%		
<b>Domain 5</b>	Communal Life	P 71%		
<b>Domain 6</b>	Missionary Spirit	P 80%		
			N/A	N/A

# NCEA IFG/ACRE Grade: 8

Assessment Date: February 2014

## Part 2--Affective Statements: Beliefs, Attitudes, Practices, and Perceptions

Student responses to questions in Part 2 are confidential. The following is a sampling of questions and the percent of preferred responses.

	<u>St. Dominic</u>	<u>Archdiocese</u>
I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	100%	N/A
I pray	100%	
When I pray, God listens to me	100%	
When I sin, God still loves me	100%	
Being a Catholic is important to me	87%	
I have thought about becoming a sister, brother or priest	6%	
It is all right for people my age to drink alcohol at a party with friends	13%	
I regularly attend Saturday evening/Sunday Mass	94%	
I talk about serious issues with one or both of my parents/guardians	76%	
I take time to think about whether my actions are right or wrong	88%	
My family prays together at home	82%	
I talk with others about my faith	94%	