



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Catholic Schools Week Report Card 2008 - 2009

What We Do Best

Dear Friends,

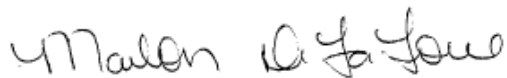
Rarely do people succeed in life without the support of others. Young people are no exception to this rule. At birth, each child, created in the image and likeness of God, is a gift to the family. When they walk into our Catholic schools, they become a gift to us.

Throughout the diocese, we are partners with parents in forming competent young adults – those who know that values are *not* just the answer to Math problems. Our mission is to form young people who are fully aware of their Catholic identity and proud to live their faith. We want to inspire children to believe that the difference in this world can be *them*.

Let there be no confusion. Our students receive top flight academics, but they are much more than intellectual beings. We offer an integral education focused on forming their hearts and souls. Our goal is not merely to help them take seats in prestigious universities, we prepare them to ace the final exam of life.

We are proud to present to you this *Report Card* on the state of our schools in 2008-09.

God bless,



Marlon De La Torre
Superintendent of Schools

Serving the Community. 115,962 hours

Community Service Hours ~ Elementary Schools. . 63,352 hours
Community Service Hours ~ Secondary Schools. . .52,610 hours

Academics

Elementary

Duke University Talent Identification Scholars. 27%

Secondary

National Merit Scholar Program

Semi-Finalists 20

Commended. 31

Finalists Announced February 2009

College-Bound Catholic High School Graduates 99%

Missouri Average. 69%

National Average. 69%

Bright Flight Scholars. 31

Catholic High School Seniors Awarded Diplomas 100%

Missouri High School Seniors Awarded Diplomas. 86%

Academic Scholarships. \$9,422

On average, our graduates accepted \$9,422 in academic scholarships for their first year of college.

What We Contribute

Resources

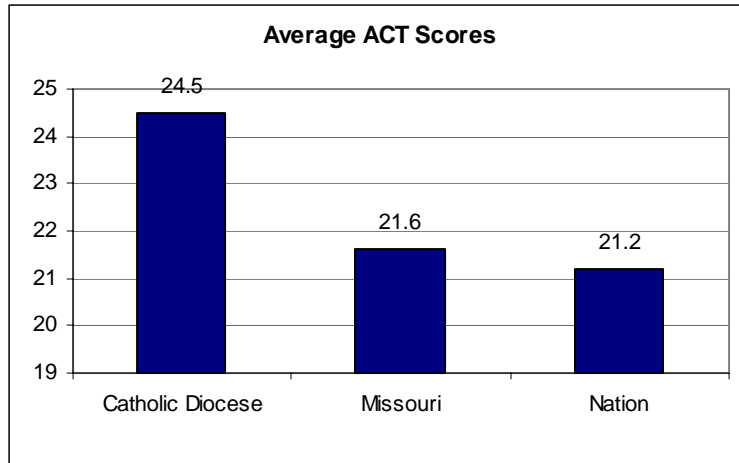
Total Cost of Catholic Education \$70,911,147

Estimated Savings to Public School Districts . . \$137,719,465

We Measure Up

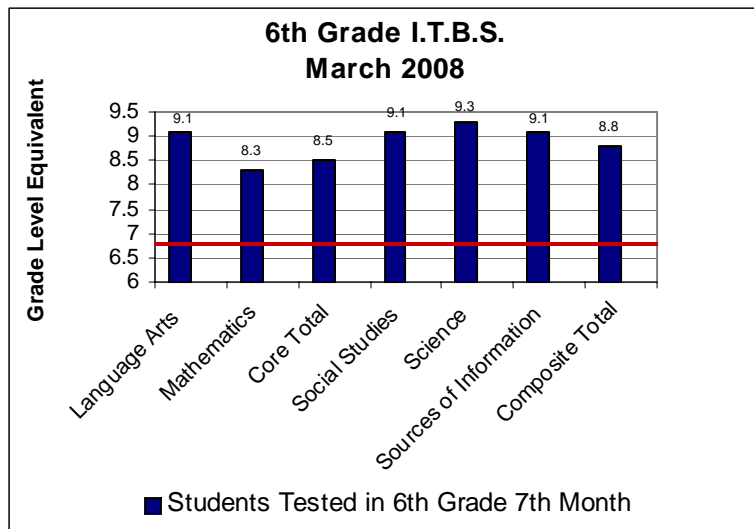
ACT

The ACT Assessment measures the general educational development of high school students. Testing outcomes are one predictor of the potential to complete college-level work.



Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) are national standardized tests administered annually in the Diocese. The tests offer one measurement of progress.



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Years of Service to the Community. 171

Who We Are

Total Number of Educational Institutions. 46

Early Childhood Centers 8
Elementary 30
Secondary. 8

Dedicated Faculty 1,067

Faculty with Advanced Degrees 42%
15 Years Experience in Diocese. 18%
25 Years Experience in Diocese. 11%

Whom We Serve

Total Enrollment. 12,483

Early Childhood Students. 1,764
Elementary Students. 7,128
Secondary Students. 3,591

Diversity

Religious

Students of Other Faith Communities 15%
Catholics 85%

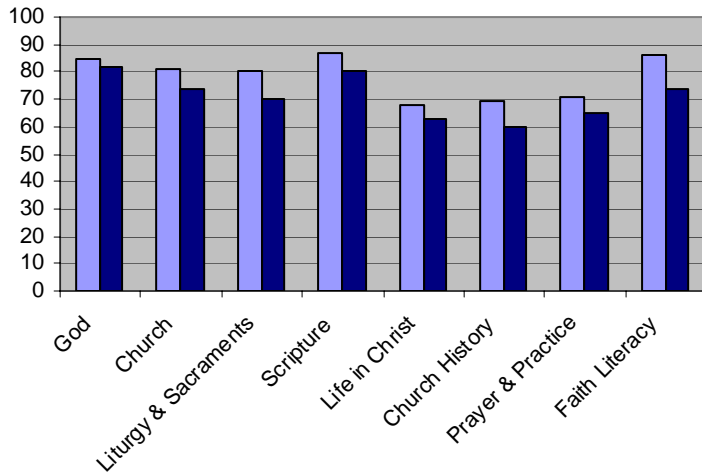
Racial and Ethnic

European ~ American 80%
African ~ American 5%
Latino 9%
Asian ~ Pacific Island 3%
Other 3%

National Standardized Testing Religious Education

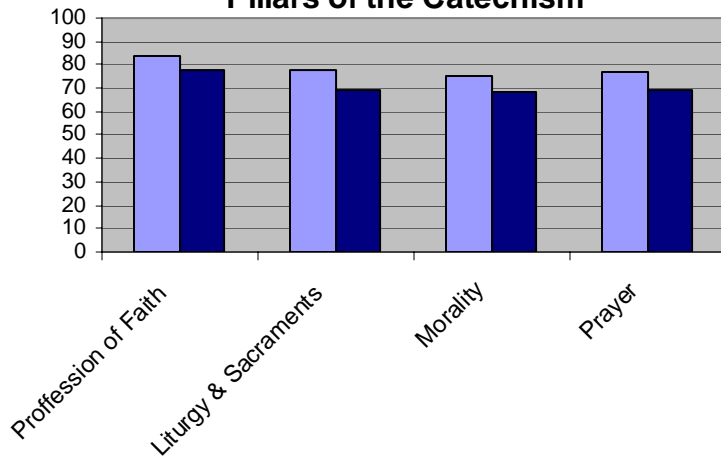
The Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) test measures knowledge of the faith as well as beliefs, behaviors, attitudes and practices of the faith. ACRE carries the endorsement of the NCEA and is based upon the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

5th Grade ACRE Results Knowledge of the Faith



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5th Grade ACRE Results Pillars of the Catechism

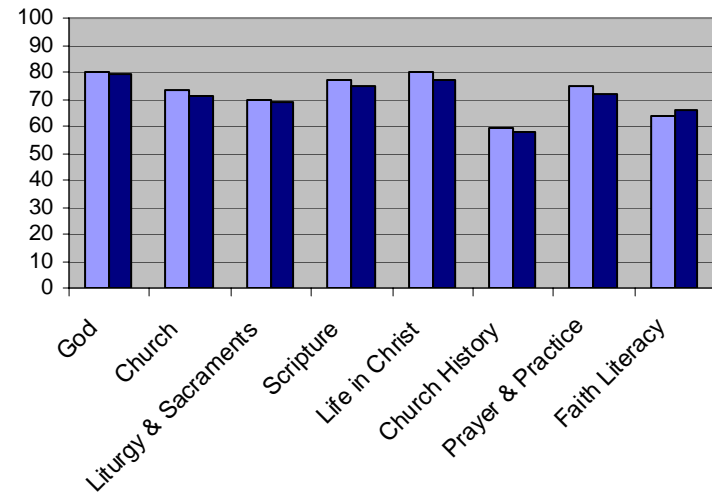


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Diocese Administrators ACRE Test

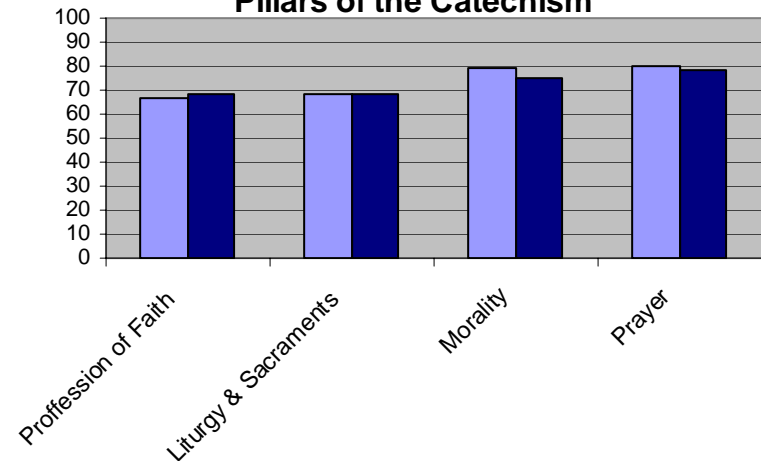
Catholic school students in the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph take the ACRE test in the 5th and 8th grades. The following scores represent group assessment in the 2007-2008 academic year.

8th Grade ACRE Results Knowledge of the Faith



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