

ACRE: Association of Coordinators and Religious Educators

Our members/friends are parish catechetical leaders that include:

- Directors of Faith Formation and/or Religious Education
- Adult Formation Coordinators (*Including Evangelization*)
- Youth Formation Coordinators (*Including Youth Ministry*)
- PreK-8 Formation and Parent Program Coordinators
- Sacraments of Initiation Coordinators (*Including RCIA*)
- Child Protection and Safety Programs and/or OPCY Parish Liaisons
- A combination of some or all of the above depending on the size of the parish

The 2020 Directory for Catechesis Areas of responsibility:

- Leading to knowledge of the faith
- Initiating Into the Celebration of the Mystery
- Forming for Life in Christ
- Teaching Prayer
- Introduction to Community Life (Missionary Initiation)

In order to have the best professional Catechetical leadership formation and support, ACRE members need to connect with and get support and formation from Archdiocesan staff. This means that ACRE members need to be connected to multiple Archdiocesan offices with potentially conflicting event dates, different ways of disseminating information, etc. This can be very confusing and time consuming.

Office for the Mission of Catholic Education-

Main resources, events and information relates to PreK-8th Grade Formation.

Office of Marriage, Family and Life

Main resources, events and information relates to youth, young adults and parent programs.

Office of Evangelization

While currently not staffed, main resources include adult formation, formation in evangelization, grandparent programs.

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Resources include policies on "E3" and Child Protection Curriculum, lesson requirements, etc.

SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION

Office of Worship

Main resources include sacramental rites information, Confirmation requirements and scheduling, information for RCIA rites, etc.

Center for Mission Resources include social justice teaching programs, adult formation, outreach and service.

NOTE: We also used to have greater contact and resources from the **Office of Vocations**.