Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK)

•   The first comprehensive assessment of Catholic religious education.
•   Produced by Catholic educators and leading testing platform developers.
•   Aims to bring to Catholic education the cutting-edge technology you have come to expect in math and literacy.

Allows you to comprehensively measure the knowledge and affinity of all students in **ALL** grades, the test is taken annually by students, Grades 2-12, in the timeframe of **one class period** (in the Spring).

Produces data that can be analyzed in many different ways, creating greater opportunity for using this information to make action plans.

While this product was developed by Sophie Institute, it is completely independent in the sense that it is designed for all Catholic schools no matter what textbook series they are using. For grade school, questions were developed through researching all major publishing companies. For high school, the questions are based on the curriculum developed by the USCCB. It was created to be an advanced alternative to ACRE (which is developed by NCEA).

Analytics for diocesan and school leaders— Cutting-edge dashboards enable administrators to identify your strongest schools and teachers so that you can replicate what works.

- Easily drill down to quickly analyze the data you need to make informed decisions.

Data to power school achievement — Robust reporting allows administrators and teachers to quickly generate powerful comparative analysis of grade level, classroom and individual student data.

- Correlate teacher knowledge with student performance and track yearly growth rates.
- Innovative ARK Library includes ready-to-use **resources to enrich and/or remediate** – both in the classroom and at home.

Involves Families — Printable score reports and recommended resources so parents can support teaching the faith at home.

- Includes built-in and easy-to-use accommodations for students with accommodations for learning disabilities.

Track knowledge and growth in Six Domains of the Catholic Faith
Sacraments & Liturgy
The Creed & Salvation History
Morality
Prayer
Virtue
Living Discipleship

- Customize tests for your diocese
- 2nd-8th grade tests correlated to all major religion textbooks
- High school tests aligned to the USCCB Framework
- Add religion topics to test in each grade level (choose from about 100 topics!)
- Add questions unique to your diocese

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Analytics for leaders — identify your strongest schools and teachers so you can replicate what works.
Solve problem areas with customized resources for professional development.
Easily drill down to find the data you need.

Data for principals, DREs and pastors — Track teacher and student knowledge and growth.
Provides recommendations for building Catholic identity of the school.
Correlate teacher knowledge with student performance and growth.
View reports on teacher competencies with custom professional development plans.

Empowering Catholic educators — Track student religious knowledge and growth over time
Receive ready-to-use classroom resources to enrich and/or remediate.
Easy-to-use accommodations for learning disabled children.
Involves score reports and easy to use recommended resources so parents are supported in teaching the faith at home.

The pilot phase took place in fall 2020 in order to gather a spectrum of data.

The official roll-out and first testing will take place in spring 2021.

For best results at least 80% of diocesan schools should give the test annually in all 10 grades (2nd-12th), as well as have the instructors take the Teachers' Test.

Visit http://arktest.org/.