

Dear Parent,

For several years schools in the Archdiocese have been taking the Terra Nova standardized tests. Students in grades 2, 4, 6, & 8 took the tests this past October. The parents receive Individual Profile with *InView* Parts I & II detailing your child's results. These were sent home with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards.

The bar and circles on the first page of your Individual Profile Report, Part I, shows how well your child is performing in certain areas of each subject. The bar indicates where most students across the country would be performing. The circle marks where your child would place. The key at the bottom of the page explains full, half, and empty circles. The column of numbers to the left of the bars shows your child's scores. The column marked Natl. OPI is where students scored nationally. If your child scores a "Moderate Mastery", he or she is achieving about at grade level.

While this first page "breaks down" the scores for various skills or areas within the subject, the back side of this report gives you the total scores your child achieved in each subject area. That is the column marked "National Percentile". At the same time, the column headed "Anticipated National Percentile" is the average score of students of the same age, grade and ability level as your child. That tells you if your child is within the range of what he or she might be expected to achieve, based on his or her ability. If your child's achievement is significantly above or below that of his anticipated group, it is marked as such; otherwise he or she is within acceptable ranges of achievement, based on the In View (cognitive ability tests) students took along with Terra Nova. More information is detailed on the report pages themselves.

The In View, Part II report shows the scores your child achieved in the cognitive ability part of the test. Under the scores is an explanation for the meaning of each score. In the Observations at the bottom of the report is a fuller explanation of the different tests.

The Terra Nova tests are nationally standardized achievement tests. Terra Novas are based on national standards in all subject areas. They are designed to let you know how your child is doing in relation to students throughout the country. Such scores are normally reported in National Percentiles (NP). A national percentile of 50, for example, means that of one hundred students across the country, 50 are performing better than your child, and your child is performing better than 49 others.

We hope these more detailed reports give you a clearer picture of how your child is progressing academically.

Sincerely,

Mr. Huber