



# CIRCLE OF GRACE



*Circle of Grace is our diocesan safe environment awareness program that is taught in all our Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs.*

- It is solid Catholic teaching. The program has received both Imprimatur and Nihil Obstat.*
- It is never too early to help young people understand how special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred.*
- Understanding their sacredness can help them protect the special persons that they are and to be respectful of others.*
- The program helps them identify the trusted adults in their lives and gives them a voice and a vocabulary to communicate their concerns.*
- It tells them that their church family cares about their well-being.*

## Goal of the Circle of Grace Curriculum- Pre-K- Grade 12

The goal of the *Circle of Grace* curriculum is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

## Objectives of the Circle of Grace Curriculum - Pre-K- Grade 12

- Children and young people will understand they are created by God and live in the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Children and young people will be able to describe the *Circle of Grace* which God gives each of us.
- Children and young people will be able to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries.
- Children and young people will be able to identify all types of boundary violations.
- Children and young people will demonstrate how to take action if any boundary is threatened or violated.

## Outline of the Curriculum

**Pre-Kindergarten** - What is a *Circle of Grace*?

**Kindergarten**– Everyone has a *Circle of Grace*

**Grade 1**– Your *Circle of Grace* and Others

**Grade 2**– Being Safe in Your *Circle of Grace*

**Grade 3** - Sacredness and Boundaries

**Grade 4** - Social Media and Our *Circle of Grace*

**Grade 5**—Coping with Stress and Pressure

**Grade 6** - Technology's Influence on our Relationships

**Grade 7** - Saying "No" to Disrespect

**Grade 8** - Morally Responsible in Today's Culture

### Gr. 5- 8 Alternate Lessons

- ◆ Honoring Relationships
- ◆ Consequences of Technology
- ◆ *Circle of Grace* and New Age Spirituality
- ◆ Humility and Modesty
- ◆ Navigating an "Anything Goes" Culture
- ◆ *Circle of Grace* Retreat

### High School Lessons

**Grade 9**- N.O.T.I.C.E.: When Boundaries are Challenged

**Grade 10** - Levels of Intimacy and Influence

**Grade 11** - Tech Savvy or Tech Safe?

**Grade 12** - Love and the Theology of the Body

### High School Alternate Lessons

- ◆ A.C.T.I.O.N. Steps when Concerns Don't Go Away
- ◆ Modesty: A thing of the Past or Not?
- ◆ Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery
- ◆ Uncomfortable Situations with Peers
- ◆ *Circle of Grace* and New Age Spirituality
- ◆ Navigating an "Anything Goes" Culture
- ◆ *Circle of Grace* Retreat

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