Diocese of Winona-Rochester

*Circle of Grace* Program for Children & Youth



As part of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's on-going commitment to implement the United States Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, I hereby formally promulgate the ***Circle of Grace* Program** as our Safe Environment Program to educate children in our schools and Faith Formation Programs.

Most Rev. John M. Quinn

Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

*Circle of Grace* is a safe environment program developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha in response to Article 12 of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. It serves the dual purpose of educating and forming youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others.

Through the *Circle of Grace* program, adults assist children and youth to recognize that each of us lives within a Circle of Grace that holds our very essence in body, mind, heart, soul, and sexuality. Through the *Circle of Grace* program, children and youth are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries; recognize when boundary violations are about to occur; and demonstrate how to take action when boundaries are threatened or violated.

*Circle of Grace* is clinically sound and grounded in the Catholic tradition. Its strong parent component means parents can actively participate in their children’s education and formation.

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***Circle of Grace* program:**

I confirm that I have taught the ***Circle of Grace Program*** to my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Child’s name)

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Name of Parish/School

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| Parent’s name (printed): |  |
| Parent’s Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

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