



Think First & Stay Safe!



Date: September 1, 2021

To: Religious Education Program Parents

Fr: Lynette Forbes-Cardey, Director of Religious Education

RE: Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program

As part of our on-going commitment to ensure the safety of your child/ren, safe environment programming is a part of our Religious Education Program. Students are not required to attend, but students and parents should understand the importance of this program. These lessons are part of the students' education about personal boundaries, appropriate interactions between adults and minors, and between minors themselves, and related personal safety issues. The presumption is that every child will participate in the lessons. Parents may choose to complete a waiver to excuse their child from the program. This can be found at the bottom of this letter or obtained from Lynette Forbes-Cardey at Immaculate Conception Church.

We will present lessons from the "Circle of Grace" Safe Environment Program. This program was selected by the Diocese of Duluth and developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha. Lessons will be presented during regularly scheduled Wednesday Religious Education classes and will be presented by Immaculate Conception staff and catechists. If you would like to preview the lessons or have questions about these presentations, please contact me at 320-629-3911 or lynette.forbes.cardey@duluthcatholic.org

Safe Environment Opt-Out 2021/2022

_____ My child(ren) will **not** be attending Safe Environment Training provided by Immaculate Conception Church during the Religious Education Sessions.

_____ Please send me a copy of the *Parent Information Sheet* for the Circle of Grace program to assist me/us in providing the training at home.

Child(ren) Full Name(s): _____

Parent Signature

Date