



Think First & Stay Safe!



Date: September 7, 2018
 To: Religious Education Program Parents
 Fr: Laura Miller, Dir. 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 they and their parents should understand the importance of this program as part of their education about personal boundaries, appropriate interactions between adults and minors as well as 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 Laura Miller at Immaculate Conception Church.

We will present the Safe Environment Program initiated by the Duluth Diocese. These sessions will take place during the regularly scheduled Wednesday Religion Education classes and will be presented by Immaculate Conception staff and catechists. The sessions will be based on a program called, "Circle of Grace," which was developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha. If you would like to preview more information on this program or have questions about these presentations, please contact me at 320-629-3911 or lmiller3911@live.com.

Safe Environment Opt-Out 2018/2019

- _____ 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