Circle of Grace

Archdiocese of Seattle
Teaching Safety Program
2023-24 Permission to Participate

To: Religious Education Parents
From: St. Nicholas Religious Education Program
Subject: Circle of Grace Teaching Safety Program for 2nd-12th grade

Date: August 20, 2023

We share a common goal, to create a safe environment in our parish and to teach our youth to protect and keep themselves safe in the world they live and navigate each day.

The Archdiocese of Seattle has partnered with Circle of Grace to help raise youth's awareness of the world around them and provide the tools they need to recognize unsafe situations, as well as an action plan for how to contact a trusted adult and get help.

Circle of Grace provides faith based lessons that are taught in relationship: the student's relationship with God, God's relationship with them, and their relationship with others in their family and community. The curriculum is a safety program that complements Church teaching on healthy sexuality. The focus of Circle of Grace is safety, not sexuality and it cannot be replaced by Theology of the Body or any other sexuality or safety programs.

The program will be presented to our students on a regularly scheduled Monday night in January and February. You will be notified in advance of the date scheduled for your child's age group.

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Circle of Grace Teaching Safety Program
St. Nicholas Catholic Parish 2023-24

Please email the below Parent/Guardian Permission to Participate form to:

My signature below confirms that _____ , has my permission to participate in the Circle of Grace Teaching Safety Program to be presented in January and February 2024. I will be notified in advance of the night my child's age group will participate in the program. I understand I need to complete and return this Parent/ Guardian permission form **at registration** for each child participating in the religious education program.

Child's name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____