

Goal of the Circle of Grace Program

The goal of the Circle of Grace program 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 Program

- 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

Circle of Grace is set apart from other programs by teaching:

- God's presence and assistance in difficult and confusing situations as an essential component in its K-12 curriculum
- A philosophy that can be used at all times as a concept that reinforces God's real presence in our lives, respect for self and others, and skills for good decision making.
- The sacredness of each person and how relationships are called to be experiences of divine love.
- Beyond the "good touch-bad touch" models by addressing the whole person. Thus it is able to teach how boundary violations can occur through all of our senses.
- A holistic approach giving children and youth the skills to identify uncomfortable situations long before inappropriate touch occurs.
- Children and young people to identify the "trusted adults" in their lives in addition to their parents.
- Parents by informative letters, lesson handouts, and educational material.