



## Parent/Guardian opt out of Safe Environment Training

All children are required by the Diocese of Pueblo in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to receive Safe Environment Training.

The Circle of Grace training program provided by the Diocese of Pueblo, is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments and to protect children and youth from sexual abuse. The goal of the Safe Environment curriculum is not sex education but to educate and empower children/youth on personal safety, which includes:

- information regarding improper touching, relationships, and how to deal with uncomfortable situations.
- clearly emphasizing to children and youth the need to report such incidents to parents, teachers, or to others in authority.

### The objectives of the Circle of Grace program are that children/youth:

1. will understand they are created by God and live in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. will be able to describe the Circle of Grace which God gives each of us.
3. will be able to identify, discern and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries.
4. will demonstrate how to act if any boundary is threatened or violated.

As the primary educator of your child, you have the right to opt your child(ren) out of participating in the program. **You are welcome to review the materials or participate in these lessons.**

If you determine that you DO NOT want your child(ren) to participate, complete this form and return it to the school/parish. They will provide you with the Circle of Grace curriculum to use with your child(ren).

\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I understand the purpose of the Safe Environment curriculum and have received the Safe Environment curriculum materials from the school/parish for my use with my child(ren).

\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission for my child(ren), listed below, permission to participate in the Safe Environment training.


\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\*Parent/Guardian signature

*\*A typed name or electronic signature does not constitute a signature*

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