

Circle of Grace is a safe environment program developed in response to Article 12 of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. It serves the dual purpose of educating and forming youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others.

Through the Circle of Grace program, adults assist children and youth to recognize that each of us lives within a Circle of Grace that holds our very essence in body, mind, heart, soul and sexuality.

Through the Circle of Grace program, children and youth are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries; recognize when boundary violations are about to occur; and demonstrate how to take action when boundaries are threatened or violated.



Circle of Grace is clinically sound and grounded in the *Catholic tradition*. Its strong parent component means parents can actively participate in their children's education and formation. The Diocese of Santa Rosa has adopted the Circle of Grace Program to be used throughout the diocese.

Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Santa Rosa requires all employees and any volunteer that encounters children to complete our Safe Environment Training every two years. The training is available online, in English and Spanish, www.CMGConnect.org. In addition, each employee and each volunteer is fingerprinted.

If you have previously completed this training online, use the user name and password that you have used in the past. If you have not done this training online before, click "Register here" and complete the necessary registration information, as well as the training. It takes approximately 60-90 minutes to complete.

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