



Saint Mary Faith Formation **Circle of Grace**



Dear Parents,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls on all Dioceses to provide safe environment education for children and youth. The Fall River Diocese has been providing this training through several resources in the past. Our diocese began implementing the Circle of Grace curriculum within our Faith Formation programs, as a means to supplement the lessons of our primary faith formation curriculum.

These Circle of Grace lessons have been created with your child(ren)'s age and developmental level in mind and build on each other year after year to address important areas of safety and protection. Letters for each grade level will be sent home after the lesson to help you reinforce and discuss the concepts at home. Listed below are the dates that each grade will be covering the Circle of Grace lessons. Opt-Out forms are available in the office.

Circle of Grace Dates

January 28-30	Grade 2
January 7-9	Grade 3
February 4	Confirmation I (Grade 8)
February 4-6	Grade 4
February 4	Confirmation II (Grade 9)
February 5	Grade 6
February 6	Grade 7
February 11-13	Grade 1
March 3-5	Grade 5

The Diocese of Fall River is firmly committed to the safety and protection of children in our schools and parishes, and Circle of Grace is one of many tools that aid in this commitment. For questions about Circle of Grace, you can contact us at dre@stmarysnorton.com or (508) 285-3237 or the diocesan coordinator, Carolyn Shipp, LICSW, at (508)985-6508.

In Christ,

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