



**Saints Francis & Clare**  
Roman Catholic Church

Dear Saints Francis and Clare Parent,

Several years ago we implemented a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We learned a lot through our first efforts and we are preparing to present the information to our students again this fall. This program is offered in response to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is pleased to offer the Circle of Grace Program to all of our children in faith formation and in our schools. Numerous programs were researched to find one that would supplement the excellent programs already in place. Safe and Sacred assists the adults in our parishes and schools who work with our children to be mindful of boundaries and has provided education on situations that could present an unsafe environment for children. Circle of Grace assists our young people with education and guidance on appropriate boundaries, self-respect, and respect for others. The program encourages healthy relationships and teaches our children that God is always present with us. Circle of Grace is grounded in the richness of our faith.

Age appropriate Circle of Grace lessons will be taught annually at each grade level pre-kindergarten to grade twelve in our RE/YM and School Ministries. Each year's lessons build upon what has already been taught. The number of lessons varies among grade level, and are as few as one and as many as four. Most lessons average about forty minutes. Religious Education, Youth Ministry and our School Ministry will each share with you the dates they plan to teach Circle of Grace to your children during the 2015-2016 program year.

A comprehensive flyer with a detailed explanation of the Circle of Grace program and common parent questions are available on our parish website [www.ss-fc.org](http://www.ss-fc.org). Please contact Coordinator of Religious Education Patricia McGill if you have any questions about Circle of Grace. E-mail her at [pmcgill@ss-fc.org](mailto:pmcgill@ss-fc.org), or by phone at 317-859-4673, ext. 115.

God bless you and your family,

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