



## Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

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### Circle of Grace Awareness, Safety, and Prevention Program

#### PARENT "OPT-OUT" FORM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your children. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves.

The Diocese has implemented the CIRCLE OF GRACE Awareness, Safety, and Prevention Program in all parishes and Catholic schools. All parents with children in parish faith formation programs (including, but not limited to, religious education and youth ministry) or Catholic schools are strongly encouraged to participate, along with their children, in this program. This year, your child will experience an age-appropriate awareness and safety lesson on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

By signing this form, I acknowledge the above and elect NOT to have my child participate in this program. I also acknowledge that I was offered the opportunity to discuss my concerns with my Pastor, Principal or Parish Catechetical Leader and that I have been provided with the CIRCLE OF GRACE MATERIALS, which are designed to help me provide this education to my child.

Children Being Opted Out:

Child's Name	Grade Level

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Guardian's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

PCL/Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School Name/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Concerns/Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

*PCL/Principal: Please return to the Diocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection no later than Feb. 10*

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