



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* requires that all children enrolled in Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion receive Safe Environment training. The Diocese of Baton Rouge will provide such training for grades K-12 utilizing the program, *Circle of Grace*.

The Circle of Grace lesson(s) for your child's grade level is scheduled on the following date(s):  
Date: **October 16-17, 2023**. Lesson Title: **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**.

Parents have the right to opt their children out of receiving safe environment training. If you desire to opt your child out of Circle of Grace training, it is required that you sign and submit this form to: **St. Joseph School**, diocesan Institution parish/school contact, at the following email address: **adouglas@sjscrusaders.org** or Fax number: **985-386-0560** by the following date: **Friday, October 13, 2023**.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE  
CIRCLE OF GRACE TRAINING.**

*Circle of Grace* lesson plans for your child's grade level may be reviewed at Child & Youth Protection: Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA (diobr.org). Scroll down and click on the link titled *Circle of Grace* Log In. The password is CareSafeChurch.

**I do not wish my child to participate in the Circles of Grace lesson. I acknowledge that the Safe Environment training materials have been offered to me for the purpose of training my child on this subject.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Child's Name

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Child's Grade/Section

CIRCLE OF GRACE OPT OUT LETTER July 2023 – June 2024 AUDIT YEAR

*“The mission of St. Joseph School is to encourage our students to have a zeal for their Catholic faith through prayer and service and to provide students with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents through academic excellence.”*