



DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

August 30, 2013

Dear Pastors, Principal, DREs and Youth Ministers,

With this letter I hereby endorse the *Circle of Grace* safe environment program and curriculum for all grades PreK-12 in the Diocese of Davenport. This curriculum is to be used in all Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs in the Diocese.

The Office of Faith Formation officially adopted *Circle of Grace* to replace the required Protecting God's Children curriculum strand of the diocesan Faith Formation curriculum.

*Circle of Grace* helps contribute to the protection of our young children as well as our high school students. *Circle of Grace* affirms the parents and students are loved by God and all are to be respected.

I am grateful to all of our teachers and catechists who work so diligently for the safety of our children and youth. The ongoing support of the schools and parishes is a blessing to our diocese. Know that I realize the countless hours the administrators, DREs and Youth Ministers put in to maintain a safe environment for all of our children. May all who minister to our youth be blessed.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Martin Amos*

Most Rev. Martin Amos  
Bishop of Davenport