



## **Helpful Hints When Teaching Circle of Grace in a Virtual Environment.**

*Remember that teaching COG in person is always better than in a virtual environment.*

*We recognize that in the current Covid-19 environment it may not yet be possible to teach in person.*

- 1- Follow your Diocesan virtual safe environment policy.
- 2- Parent packets sent out last spring were allowed only because of inability to plan due to Covid-19. It is always best practice to be taught by their teacher/catechist.
- 3- Review your Circle of Grace lessons:
  - ❖ Include worksheets and parent letters with other curriculum take home materials.
  - ❖ Most activities can be leader driven instead of a small group activity.
  - ❖ Consider having one of the students lead the prayer.
  - ❖ You could email the prayer ahead of time to the parents.
- 4- Start out with prayer.
- 5- Remember Circle of Grace needs to be taught in "relationship":
  - ❖ If possible, wait a few weeks for you to know the students, before teaching it.
  - ❖ Spend a few moments to ask how they are doing.
  - ❖ Ask them to share something they have enjoyed that surprised them.
  - ❖ Have them give you an example of a "Circle of Grace moment "at home.
- 6- Review the Key concepts of Circle of Grace with students.
- 7- Ask them what they remember from last year.
- 8- Encourage participation from all students.
- 9- Start the lesson/s with as minimal adaptations as possible.
- 10- End with asking what they like the most "in their Circle of Grace".
- 11- Lesson attendance always need to be document (live and virtual) for USCCB audit