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Differences between Circle of Grace and LoveEd

The Circle of Grace K-12 Safe Environment curriculum is mandated to be implemented yearly in all Archdiocese of Omaha schools and parishes. Circle of Grace teaches children and teens how to recognize and protect their personal boundaries and God-given dignity in all relationships. It is taught by a classroom teacher in a Catholic school or by a Catechist in a Parish Religious Education program.

LoveEd is recommended by the Human Sexuality Formation Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Omaha, and approved for use by Archbishop Lucas. LoveEd is primarily a program for parents, enabling them to have important conversations with their children about God's purpose and plan for the beautiful gift of human sexuality. These conversations are designed to begin at a parish event and continue at home.

LoveEd Level 1 is a 2-hour event for parents of 5-6th graders and their children. LoveEd Level 2 is a 2-hour event for parents and their 7-8th grade children. Each LoveEd event is divided into a Mother/Daughter session and a concurrent Father/Son session to protect the modesty of everyone in attendance. A two-hour LoveEd Parents-Only Meeting that introduces parents to the program is held a few weeks before the parent/child events.

The HSF Advisory Board has purchased the LoveEd parent and student books in bulk so we can pass on savings on to parishes and families. Each book usually costs \$25 each on the St Benedict Press website, but with our discount can be purchased for \$13.50 each. LoveEd Books can be ordered through Reggan Simons at the Archdiocesan Center for Family Life Formation, rksimons@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003, x 0.