



OPT-OUT FORM

Safe Environment Training for Students

To: Parents
Subject: Safe Environment Training for **STUDENTS** – Opt-Out Form

Currently, in keeping with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, teachers and catechists need to incorporate into their regular curriculum Safe Environment Training to all students enrolled in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. In age-appropriate lessons, teachers will instruct ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people. These lessons may include information and instruction about: God's love, relationships, personal space, boundaries, respect, and care; safe and unsafe touches; lures, internet safety, bullying, how to get help from a trusted adult. This Safe Environment Training needs to be presented to the students **every** year. Repetition is a good thing, especially when it comes to keeping our children safe.

We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children; therefore, as parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program your school/parish religious education program is implementing.

Name of Safe Environment Training Program _____

Parish/School Name _____

City/State _____

Student's Name _____ Class/Grade _____

Please initial:

_____ It is my choice as the parent that my child NOT participate in the Safe Environment Training Program listed above.

_____ I understand that the materials of the Safe Environment Program listed above are available to me to review.

_____ I would like to receive Safe Environment Program training materials so I can share this information with my child at home.

Parent's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Signature _____

Failure to return this signed Opt-Out Form constitutes permission for program participation for your child.

Safety Coordinators:

Please send this form with your Children's Training Data Report to the diocese and keep a copy on file at your parish/school for your records.