

**OPT-OUT FORM**



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 RE 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial) I understand the materials of the Safe Environment Program listed above are available to me to review.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial) I would like to receive Safe Environment Program training materials, so I can share this information with my child at home.

Parents Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to return this signed opt-out form constitutes permission for program participation for your child.

Site Safety Coordinators, please send this form with your Children's Data Report to the diocese and keep a copy on file at your parish/school for your records.