



## The Right of Parents/Legal Guardians to Refuse Safe Environment Training for Children and Youth

According to Bishop's Charter and our diocesan policy, parents/legal guardians are to be informed that they have the right to refuse to allow their child(ren) to attend Safe Environment training held at a parish or Catholic school. It is NOT required to get parent/legal guardian permission for their child/children to attend Safe Environment training.

The Youth Absence from Safe Environment Training Option Form is **NOT** a permission slip, nor does it inform parents/legal guardians that they can refuse the training. This form is sent **AFTER** the child misses the training. (due to absence or refusal), along with the Home Training Packet.

Please see the statements below which you may use to easily inform parents/legal guardians of their right to refuse the training for their child(ren). If parents/legal guardians notify you in writing(preferred) or phone call, then withhold the child(ren) from the presentation.

### Religious Education/Faith Formation Programs:

One of these statements could be included on the registration form or placed in the parish bulletin.

### On Registration Form

#### Safe Environment Training:

Our Religious Education/Faith Formation program is mandated by the Bishops of the United States to provide Safe Environment training to all youth enrolled in a formation program on an annual basis. Training will be held during this catechetical year. If you **DO NOT** want your child(ren) to participate, please contact the Religious Education/Faith Formation office in writing. Your child(ren) will be withheld from the program when it is presented. Thank you.

### In Bulletin

**Safe Environment Training:** Our Religious Education/Faith Formation program is mandated by the Bishops of the United States to provide Safe Environment training to all youth enrolled in a formation program on an annual basis. The training will take place sometime during 20xx-xx catechetical year. If you **DO NOT** want your child(ren) to participate, please contact the Religious Education/Faith Formation office in writing and your child(ren) will be withheld from the program when it is presented. Thank you.