Diocese of Erie – Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Parish Safe Environment Training for Youth Acknowledgment Form

The Bishops of the United States have mandated that all children and youth receive annual safe environment training. Article 12 of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states:

> *Dioceses are to maintain "safe environment" programs. They are to be conducted cooperatively with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for minors, parents, ministers, employees, volunteers, and others about ways to sustain and foster a safe environment for minors*

The Diocese of Erie places significant importance on the safe environment training of youth. Along with this form you will find the Home Training Packet. Please review the information with your child, **complete the section below and return this form to the Parish Formation Leader.** This document will be maintained to ensure full accountability concerning the safe environment training of every child. Thank you for your cooperation**.**

Full name(s) of child/children:

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The parish offered safe environment training for my child. My child was absent from that training because: (please check appropriate box YES or NO)

Y ☐ **N** ☐ Legitimate absence (i.e.: illness, etc.)

OR

Y ☐ **N** ☐ I chose to opt my child out of the training.

AND

☐ I have received the Home Training Packet and have discussed this material with my child at home.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

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Parish City

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