



Diocese of Erie – Parish
**Home-based Formation or Homeschooled
 Safe Environment Training Form
 2023-2024**

The Bishops of the United States have mandated that all children and youth receive safe environment training yearly. 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 safe environment training of youth is a matter taken very seriously by the Diocese of Erie. **Please complete the section below and return this form to the Parish Formation Leader.** This document will be maintained by the parish to ensure full accountability concerning the safe environment training of every child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Name: _____

City: _____

Child/Children’s Full Name(s)	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

My child/children received the Safe Environment Training:

Check one:

_____ **At home, using the diocesan provided online videos**

_____ **I refuse to allow my child to participate in the diocesan Safe Environment Program.**

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

* Home-based Formation indicates that all children of the parish receive their formation at home from their parents with parish provided materials and that no other parish formation program exists (except in rare cases where both models exist). Homeschooling in formation indicates that a formation program is provided at the parish, but parents choose not to enroll their children and teach them at home.