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

# Parish Safe Environment Training for Youth Acknowledgment Form

## Homeschool Formation 2026-2027

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 a link to a safe environment video to watch with your child. After viewing the video, **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** |
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**My child/children received the safe environment training:**

**Check one:**

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

_____ **I chose to opt my child out of the training program**

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**:** _____

Date: _____

*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.