



Diocese of Erie – Religious Education Programs
**Youth Absence from Safe Environment Training
 Option Form**

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 indicate the reason your child was not present for the safe environment training by completing the information below and returning this form to the Religious Education Leader.** This document will be maintained to ensure full accountability concerning the safe environment training of every child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name(s) of children:

The parish offered Safe Environment training for my child; however, 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 refused to allow my child to participate in this training.**

I have received the Home Training Packet and have discussed this material with my child at home. (Check when completed)

Parent Signature

Date

Parish

City