



Diocese of Erie – Parish Religious Education/Formation Program  
**Youth in Home-based Programs or Homeschooled  
 Safe Environment Training Option Form  
 2022-2023**

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 that your child watched the provided online video or that you refused the training for your child and return this form to the Religious Education 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 diocesan provided online videos**

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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