



Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY)

## The Right of Parents/Legal Guardians to Refuse Safe Environment Training for Children and Youth

### Parishes:

According to Bishop's Charter and our diocesan policy, parents/legal guardians are to be informed that they have the right to refuse to allow their child(ren) to attend Safe Environment training held at a parish or Catholic school. It is NOT required to get parent/legal guardian permission for their child/children to attend Safe Environment training.

The Youth Absent from Safe Environment Training form is **NOT** a permission slip, nor does it inform parents/legal guardians that they can refuse the training. This form is sent **AFTER** the child misses the training due to absence or refusal, along with the Home Training Packet.

Please see the statements below which you may use on a registration form or as a bulletin announcement to easily inform parents/legal guardians of their right to refuse the training for their child(ren). If parents/legal guardians notify you in writing(preferred) or phone call, then withhold the child(ren) from the training presentation.

### On Registration Form

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### Bulletin Announcement

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