



## The Right of Parents to Refuse Safe Environment Student Inservicing for their Child

According to Bishop's Charter and our inservicing practices, parents are to be informed that they have the right to refuse to allow their children to attend a Safe Environment inservice held at the parish or school. It is NOT required to get the parent's permission to inservice their students for Safe Environment.

The Parent Option Form is NOT a permission slip, nor does it inform parents that they can refuse. This form is sent to parents AFTER their students miss the inservice (due to absence or refusal), along with the Parent Training Packet.

Please see the statements below which you may use to easily inform parents of their right to refuse training for their children. One of these statements could be included on your registration form or could be placed in the bulletin. If parents sign or call, then withhold the child from the presentation when you do the training.

### On Registration Form

#### Safe Environment Inservicing

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### In Bulletin

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\_\_\_\_\_ (person) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (contact info) \_\_\_\_\_ and your student will be withheld from the program when it is presented. Thank you.