Parent Refusal (Opt-out) of Safe Environment Curriculum Training
for
"Parish Religious Education/Formation Programs "

Dioceses/eparchies are to maintain safe environment programs which the diocesan/eparchial bishop deems to be in accord with Catholic moral principles."
Article 12 – Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

In compliance with the document cited above, the Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Discipleship Formation for Children, utilizes the RCL- Benziger Family Life Program and the Loyola Growing Faith Programs as the vehicle to educate our young people in safe environment issues.

Parent/Guardian Name:_____

I realize that the goal of the Safe Environment Curriculum is not sex education, but personal safety education, which includes information regarding improper touching, relationships, and how to deal with uncomfortable situations. In addition, I understand that the Safe Environment Curriculum clearly emphasizes to children and youth the need to report such incidents to parents, teachers or others in authority. I understand that all children are required by the Diocese of Metuchen (in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People) to receive Safe Environment Training, I acknowledge that this training has been offered to my children. I have received the Safe Environment Curriculum materials from the parish religious education program for my use with my child(ren). I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Safe Environment Curriculum on _____ (date). Having reviewed the curriculum, I state that I do NOT want my child(ren) to participate in the aforementioned program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date_____

Name(s) of child(ren):

_____Level/Grade _____

_____ Level/Grade _____

_____Level/Grade _____ Parish/Location

_____School Year _____

Parish Catechetical Leader Signature _____Date _____

The parish will retain a copy of this document and a copy will be forwarded to the Office of Child and Youth Protection. OC2012