



YOUTH SAFE-ENVIRONMENT TRAINING OPT-OUT FORM

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth* and the safe-environment policies of the Diocese of Arlington require that all children/youth in our schools and religious education programs be given safe-environment training that is age-appropriate and in accord with Catholic moral principles. The Diocese of Arlington provides such training through the curriculum entitled **Formation in Christian Chastity** (for children in Grades 1-8) and either **You Matter** or **Called to Protect for Youth** (for children in Grades 9-12). Information on the safe-environment programs for children is available on the diocesan webpage at: http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/opcyp_training.php

If you choose not to have your child participate in this training, you are required to complete this form, sign it and submit the original document to your child's teacher or to the established program representative at your parish or school to be kept on file for one year. Please complete one form per child.

Parish or School Name: _____

Child's Printed Name: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Parent's Printed Name: _____

By signing this official opt-out form, I decline to grant my approval for my child to attend the training described in this document. However, I understand that as the primary educator of my child, the Diocese of Arlington requests that I certify that I have provided such training to my child within the home by returning this form either to my child's teacher or the established program representative as an official opt-out. I also acknowledge that the appropriate safe-environment training materials have been offered to me.

Parent's Signature

Date