

(Date)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

(Your parish) will be presenting abuse awareness and resistance training to all children enrolled in (school OR religious education program). This training session is the parish's and the Diocese of Superior's response to the mandates of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth: Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal*.

Parents and other responsible adults want to protect children from those who might harm them, but no child can be supervised every moment of the day. This training will help your child recognize unhealthy relationships, appropriate ways to reduce the likelihood of being abused, and how to get help from others. Most importantly, this information will be presented to your child in a manner that reinforces his/her value as a person created in the image and likeness of God who deserves love and respect.

Your child's training session will be held on (date & time of session) at (location) . If you have any questions, please call (contact person's name) at (phone #) .

So that we may respect your wishes . . .
please indicate below your permission or refusal for your child to participate in this training session. It is important for us to have your signed consent or refusal on file. **E-mails and phone calls are not acceptable.**

Please note that if we do not receive this permission form back by (date) , we will allow your child to participate in this training session.

Sincerely,

Signature

(Name)

(Pastor or Catechetical Leader)

----- **PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN NO LATER THAN (DATE)** -----

Child's Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____
(Please print.)

_____ Yes, I would like my child to participate in the Charter Safe Environment training described above.

_____ No, I do not want my child to participate in the Charter Safe Environment training described above.
I understand that if I refuse to allow my child to participate in this training session, I will receive a resource packet from the parish to help me educate my own child regarding these important issues.

Parent or Guardian

Signature: _____ Date _____