

Date

Dear Parent or Guardian,

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. Our (school or religious education program) will be offering training designed to help your child avoid vulnerable situations and resist abuse. The training is designed to help your child recognize his or her value as a person created in the image and likeness of God, as someone who deserves to be loved and treated with respect, as well as a person who will show respect to others. It will teach your child age-appropriate ways he or she can reduce the likelihood of being sexually abused and ways to get help from others if needed.

This training is part of a Safe Environment program which is our parish and diocesan 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*. The following sessions have been scheduled:

(Grade Level	Date, Time & Place	Presenter)
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**Please be aware that your child(ren) will participate in this training unless we receive a signed, written notice of your refusal. Refusals made by email or telephone will not be accepted.** For your convenience, a permission/refusal form is included below. We must receive your refusal at least three days before the session.

Families of children who do not participate in the training will receive a resource packet. This packet is designed to help parents/guardians educate their children on these important issues.

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 /Guardian  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_