



Diocese of Steubenville
Safe Environment Program

Parental Notification
Option to Opt-Out of the instruction of youth in Child Protection

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, in keeping with the Diocesan Decree on Child Protection, Safe Environment training is taught to the children who attend diocesan Parish Schools of Religion (PSRs) and Catholic Schools. Diocesan approved and age appropriate materials will be used for this instruction. You may find these instructional materials on the diocesan web-site (www.diosteub.org) under "Child Protection" and then under the "Resources" tab.

The Safe Environment training/Instruction will be conducted on (dates) _____ at (name of PSR/School) _____.

As the parent or guardian, you have the right to opt your child(ren) out of the instruction scheduled to take place at the PSR/school. Parents who choose to instruct their own children on this important matter may use the available diocesan materials or materials of your own choosing. Parents should also be aware that if a child is absent from the PSR/school on the planned date of instruction, it will then be the parent's responsibility to offer Safe Environment instruction to their child(ren).

If you would like to opt your child(ren) out of the PSR/school Safe Environment instruction, please complete and sign the form below and return it to the PSR Coordinator or Catholic School office.

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, enrolled
(Name of parent/guardian) (Name of child)

In _____ PSR/School, hereby opt that my child(ren) not take part in the scheduled Diocesan Safe Environment Program instruction. I understand that it will be my responsibility to instruct my child in the Safe Environment Program at the age-appropriate level.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)

When the parent/guardian chooses not to sign this form, but states the intention to opt out orally:

(Signature of PSR Coordinator/Principal)

(Date)