

DIOCESE OF JACKSON
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
PARENT OPT-OUT REPORT

The Bishops of the United States have mandated that all children and youth be educated in regard to safe environments. Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states:

Dioceses will establish "safe environment" programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.

Two factors may result in a child's non-participation in a parish/school sponsored safe environment program:

- 1) Children are absent from the religious education/school program the day the safe environment training is offered.
- 2) Parents refuse to allow their children to participate in the program.

The safety of our children is a matter taken very seriously by the Diocese of Jackson. Your child was not present at the onsite parish/school safe environment training. Please return this form to your child's teacher. This document will be maintained by the Diocese to ensure full accountability concerning the safe environment training of every child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name(s) of children:

	I do not wish to allow my child to participate in this training.
	I have received the safe environment training materials and will discuss these materials with my child at home.

Parent Signature	Date

Parish/School	City