



Date: January 22, 2024

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

From: Marabeth Freund, Director of Faith Formation and Religious Education

Under the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, all dioceses in the United States have agreed to do the following:

1. Provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, volunteers and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people. This is education and training teaching children about boundaries and safe touches (this is not sex education), helping children to stay safe.
2. Offer the training to all children/young people.
3. Document that the training has taken place.

While all children are to be offered the Archdiocesan safe environment training, a parent/guardian may refuse to allow their child to participate in the Archdiocesan training. The following conditions must be met if a parent/guardian decides not to have their child(ren) participate:

1. The location is to provide to the parent/guardian the Archdiocesan curriculum if the parent chooses to cover this material with their own child(ren).
2. The parent must specifically state in writing: (1) that safe environment training was offered to their child, (2) that they refused to allow their child to participate in this training, and (3) that they have been offered safe environment training materials to use with their child. This signed form must be maintained within the archdiocese (by the parish) to ensure full accountability concerning the safe environment training of every child.

The safe environment training program at St. Anthony Parish will be offered on: Wednesday, January 31 during normal class hours.

The safe environment training program that will be used can be viewed on our website <https://www.stanthony-dubuque.org/religious-education>

In the event that you do not wish your student to participate in the safe environment training, please complete, date, sign, and return the form on the reverse side of this letter. Please list each child and the level/grade training they would have the opportunity to receive. If we do not receive the form by January 31 at 6:00pm we will assume your approval of your child(ren)'s participation in the program.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Parent/Guardian Safe Environment Training Refusal Form

Please return this form **ONLY** if you do **NOT** wish to have your child(ren) listed below participate in the safe environment training(s) for the current academic year.

1. We/I do not wish our child(ren) to participate in the *Safe Environment Training for Children* program at:

_____ *St. Anthony Parish, Dubuque, Iowa* _____

2. List child(ren) and level/grades they are in who we/I do not wish to have participate in the safe environment training for the 2023-2024 program year. (List only those children who are in the grades/levels receiving training this year.)

Child(ren)	Level/Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. To receive a copy of the *Safe Environment Training for Children* that you can use with your child(ren) please check here.

☐ I/we wish to receive a copy of the *Safe Environment Training for Children* program materials for the child(ren) listed on this form.

4. Signature and Date:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

Note: Completed forms are maintained locally to ensure full accountability with the charter