

Dear Faith Formation Parents,

The Diocese requires that we offer Safe Environment classes to all Faith Formation students from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade every year. The **CIRCLE OF GRACE** program that is recommended and approved by the diocese is what Faith Formation uses to train students.

Please complete the permission information below. No student can attend Safe Environment training without parental approval. If you decide that your child will **not** attend, we are required to have documentation from you (*Opt Out Form*). The Opt Out Form is the next page of this packet. As noted above, all children (K–12) in the diocese are required to receive Safe Environment training.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send email to [paducahfaithformation@smss.org](mailto:paducahfaithformation@smss.org).

Thank you and God bless.

Ging Smith  
Director, Faith Formation

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## Safe Environment Program

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**, my child will attend the class \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**, my child will not attend the class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE ONLY IF OPTING OUT OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

**Parish Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diocese of Owensboro Opt-Out Form: Minor's Safe Environment Training**

(Form required for any registered participant NOT receiving training)

Safe Environment training for minors:

- Recognizes the God-given dignity of even our youngest Church participants.
- is an annual teaching requirement within the Catholic Church youth programs.
- helps children/youth experience a healthy Church setting as they develop their relationship with Christ.
- focuses on **safe personal boundaries, protection from physical/sexual boundary violations, and appropriate • trusting relationships with adults.**
- has age-appropriate training materials available for parental review.

**Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ The child/ren listed below may NOT participate in the parish/ Safe Environment training. (The parish will provide relevant educational information for you and your family.)

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade/Age** \_\_\_\_\_

Has this child received any sexual abuse prevention training elsewhere this year? If so, when \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Received by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor / DRE / Church Representative