

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

DIOCESE OF JACKSON

The Bishops of the United States have mandated that all children and youth be in serviced in regard to safe environment. 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 organization to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators and other about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.

Two situations result in a child's non-participation in parish/school sponsored safe environment program.

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

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 in-service. Please indicate below that your child was not present for the safe environment training and 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:

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I certify that:

- _____ I refused to allow my child to participate in this training.
- _____ I have received safe environment training materials and have discussed these materials with my child at home.

Parent Signature

Date

Parish/School

City