

Sacred & Safe

**Child and Youth Safe Environment Education Program
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**

Parent Acknowledgement to "Opt Out" of Program

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Safe Environment Policies of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston require that all children in our schools and religious education programs be given safe environment formation that is age-appropriate and in accord with Catholic moral principles. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston provides such formation through its safe environment educational program for children and young people in Kindergarten through the 12th grades and by offering parents supplementary training resources. It also offers parents/guardians the option of teaching the *Sacred & Safe* lesson at home. If you choose not to have your child participate in this formation, please sign this form, and acknowledge that the age appropriate lesson plan and supplementary parent resource have been offered to you.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the objectives for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's Safe Environment Education Program for Children and Young People. I choose not to have my child participate in the parish safe environment educational program. I acknowledge that I have been offered the option for educating my own child using the content from the Archdiocesan lesson plans.

(Parent Signature) _____

Parent Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Grade _____

Parish _____

Date _____