



SAINT PATRICK PARISH
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN

Dear Parent or Guardian

Parents and other responsible adults want to protect children from those who might harm them, but no child can be supervised 24 hours a day. Saint Patrick Faith Formation will be offering training designed to help your child to recognize his or her value as a person created in the image and likeness of God, as someone who deserves to be loved and treated with respect, as well as a person who will show respect for others. It will also teach your child age-appropriate ways he or she can reduce the likelihood of being sexually abused and ways to get help from others if needed.

This training is part of a Safe Environment program that is our parish's and diocese's response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal*. The following session has been scheduled for your students in **grades 7 – 11**:

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Ambrose of Woodbury Catholic Church

Please be aware that your child(ren) is required to participate in this training unless we receive a signed, written notice of your refusal. For your convenience, a refusal form is included below. We must receive your refusal on or before **October 5, 2016**.

Families of children who do not participate in the training will receive a resource packet. This packet is designed to help parents/guardians educate their children on these important issues.

Peace,

Terri Hunt
Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

-----**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN IF REFUSING PERMISSION**-----

Child's Name: _____ (please print) Child's Grade: _____

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I do not want my child(ren) to participate in the Safe Environment session listed above. I understand that if I refuse to allow my child(ren) to participate in this training session, I will receive a resource packet from the parish to help me educate my own child(ren) regarding these important issues.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date: _____