

Reporting Form Instructions

Attached you will find a copy of the 2021 Safe Environment Certification form that is required every year, from every parish in the Archdiocese of Denver. The questions on this certification form are taken from the USCCB annual audit questionnaire.

Please become familiar with the three areas of safe environment which are outlined in the *Pastor Checklist*. This information is available at www.ArchDen.org⇔Offices⇔Child & Youth Protection⇔Parish Administrator Resources⇔Pastor Checklist.

Religious Education programs in the Archdiocese of Denver will be providing VIRTUS *Teaching Safety — Empowering God's Children* Lesson 1 – Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules for the 2020-2021 program year. (Archdiocese schools will be providing Lessons 1 and 2 for the 2020-2021 school year).

This year a reformatted, parent/guardian specific lesson plan is available as temporary solution due to COVID-19 and for home Catechesis programs.

Minors: <u>FORM A</u>: The Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth requires that all children and youth in all religious education programs in the Archdiocese be provided safe environment training. <u>Please offer these classes in the fall</u> so that attendance, opt-out and not trained totals as of December 31st 2020, can be reported by February 28th, 2021. <u>Do not include Catholic school children on this form.</u>

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection: <u>Christi.Sullivan@ArchDen.org</u> 303-715-3241 or <u>Alex.Kwan@ArchDen.org</u> 303-715-2085

FORM A – FOR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – FORM A

Safe Environment Certification Due to: Archdiocese of Denver - Office of Child and Youth Protection 1300 South Steele Street Denver, CO 80210 email: Christi.Sullivan@ArchDen.org No Later Than February 28, 2021

Parish name and location: Other Parishes/Missions-if included:

Person(s) completing form:

Pursuant to Article 12 and Article 13, of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People; As Pastor of the above described parish(es) in the Archdiocese of Denver, I have been made aware of and implemented the Safe Environment Program for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, volunteers and others about the ways to make and maintain safe environment for children and young people. I have also evaluated the background of paid personnel and volunteers whose duties include ongoing, unsupervised contact with minors.

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Α	В	С	D	E	F
Grade	Total # of current, active RE students required to participate on training day	Total # of students who submitted parent opt-out letters	Total # of RE students trained (at home and/or by parish)	Total # not trained who did not submit parent opt-out letter	Plans to address the difference in column E (additional training session, material given to parents, etc.)
K-2					
3-5					
6-8					
9-12					

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Pastor's Signature: ______

Date: ______ (please retain a copy for your records)