

**Diocesan Safe Environment Program
Parent Decline Form**

Each year, as required by St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago, instruction is provided for each grade level to assist children in recognizing and responding appropriately/assertively to improper (sexual) touch. The book or video used is age appropriate and helps the students understand they can say “no” and should tell a trusted adult about any incident. The instruction is gentle, and your child will not be exposed to specific sexual language or depictions of graphic situations or anatomically correct language regarding private body parts. Part of the lesson explains to children that it is important that we all learn the “stop, drop, and roll” rule even though most of us will go through life never experiencing a fire. The instruction helps children learn about these unpleasant realities in a positive way. Parents are invited to view the educational material at the Religious Education Office. Please call (your office) to make an appointment.

If you DO NOT WANT your children to receive safe environment instruction, please fill out the information below.

I DO NOT WANT my child/children (listed below) to participate in the diocesan environment program.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

The diocese requires that the following acknowledgement to be on file for each family:

I acknowledge that I have received and read the Safe Environment Parent Guide for St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____