

TO: Parents and Guardians

FROM: Kari Nilles, Safe Environment Coordinator at the Church of _____, in _____, MN

RE: Opt-Out form with attached Overview and Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide (Or Parish Web Site Referenced Access)

DATE: October 19, 2020

The Church of _____ will present the *Teaching Safety* program to students this fall. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children* for Adults program developed the *Teaching Safety—Empowering All God's Children* program. This sexual abuse prevention program is provided by the Diocese and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. It is not sex education.

The scheduled lessons are being offered to all students in our parish/school. I encourage you to read the attached "Overview" and "Teaching Safety Guide" so you will be aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact me directly. If you determine that you do not want your child to participate, please complete the "Opt-Out" information at the bottom of this page, and return the entire page to your child's teacher/catechist before the training.

For more information on the *Teaching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ Web site at www.virtus.org.

(Return this form ONLY if you do NOT want your child to participate in the program.)

The Diocese of New Ulm does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety* program to my child(ren) as listed below:

Name	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

who attend _____ in _____, MN. I acknowledge that I have been provided with access to the *Overview* and *Teaching Safety Guide*, and I take responsibility to instruct my child on the concepts contained in these documents. I will use the age appropriate *Lessons 5 and 6* to train my child on personal safety/safe environment provided to me by the parish upon receipt of this signed opt out form.

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____