

**TO:** SCB Parents  
**FROM:** Saint Charles Borromeo Front Office  
**SUBJECT:** Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program  
**DATE:** October 25, 2021

Saint Charles Borromeo will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, to our students during the week of November 1st, with a refresher class in the Spring of 2022.. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Seattle Archdiocese, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from abuse.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact your child’s classroom teacher and they can answer any questions about their grade level content. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later than October 29th.

For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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**Opt-out form for use with the Touching Safety program:**

[NAME of school or program] does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, to my child whose name is

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Parent’s name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_