

**St. Bartholomew Faith Formation**  
**Opt Out Form**

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**TO: Parents**

**FROM: Saint Bartholomew Faith Formation**

**SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program**

**DATE: Oct. 30, 2020**

St. Bart’s Faith Formation will present abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, to our students in November, 2020. 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 Archdiocese of San Francisco, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from any physical and sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at St. Bart’s. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates. We encourage you to read the attached youtube link “overview” so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Rachael Smit at 650-347-0701 x215. 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 Nov. 4th.

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 Teaching Safety program:**

St. Bart’s Faith Formation 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: \_\_\_\_\_