

TO: Parents

FROM: St Paul the Apostle Parish Faith Formation

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

DATE: October 7 or 14, 2026

St Paul the Apostle Parish will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, to our students on October 7 or 14. 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 Diocese of Monterey, 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.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at St Paul the Apostle Parish. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the attached “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 Ann Boulais at 805-709-1253. 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 September 30.

For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

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

St Paul the Apostle 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: _____