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TO: Parents

FROM: St. Joseph Catholic School

SUBJECT: Opportunity to "opt your child out" of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program

DATE: September 22, 2021

St. Joseph Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to our students during one Religion class in October and again during one Religion class in April. 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 Seattle. Lessons are age appropriate and are 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 lessons in October and April are being offered to all students at St. Joseph Catholic School. 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 Religion teacher. If you determine that you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, please complete the "opt-out" form below and return it to your child's teacher no later than Oct. 1, 2021.

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 *Teaching Safety* program:

St. Joseph Catholic School does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program to my child whose name is

_____.

Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____