

**TO: Parents and Guardians**

**FROM: Safe Environment Coordinator at St Isidore the Farmer AFC; St Francis, St John, Sacred Heart, St Malachy, St Bridget and Visitation Parish**

**RE: Opt-Out Form**

**The Safe Environment lesson will be taught during the regular class time on Wednesday - October 23, 2019**

The Churches St Francis, Sacred Heart and St John's 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 go to the St Isidore the Farmer AFC website and read the "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](http://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
_____	_____
_____	_____
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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 3 and 4* 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: \_\_\_\_\_