



DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Lesson- Parent Letter

[TEMPLATE- May be Edited]

Dear Parents,

In accordance with the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops National Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People (USCCB Charter)*, the Diocese of San José is proud to continue with the *VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children* as the annual curriculum for our Diocesan students, both in private schools and catechetical programs. While as parents you are the primary educators for your children, we recognize our obligation to support your efforts through lessons on personal safety and safe behaviors. You may review the lesson plan at <https://www.dsj.org/protecting-gods-children/virtus-resources-for-teachers-catechist/>.

While this curriculum is mandated by the *USCCB Charter*, the Diocese offers an Opt-Out form for parents who do not wish to have their children participate. The Opt-Out form is included with this letter. If you do not want your child to attend the class, please return the Opt-Out form to the school/parish one week prior to the scheduled class.

Your child's *VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children* lesson has been scheduled for _____. For specific questions regarding the training at your school/parish, please contact your child's School Administrator or Director of Religious Education. If you have general questions regarding the *VIRTUS®* program, please contact Griselda Cervantez at the Chancery via email, Griselda.Cervantez@dsj.org, or phone (408) 983-0225.

Thank you.