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 by clicking [here](https://www.dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/7a-Modified-VIRTUS-Protecting-Gods-Children-Lesson.pdf) or using the following website link (if the link does not work, please copy and paste it into your web browser):

<https://www.dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/7a-Modified-VIRTUS-Protecting-Gods-Children-Lesson.pdf>

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. If you do not want your student to attend the class, please submit an [Electronic Opt-Out Form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4gL3YXmtSECPuWK3hwbJgwNwCgk9QUdKt3X_GJVHLjNUNkQwRUtWUTlIVFI1S01TWkJYR04xUVQ3Qi4u) (or return paper copy to the parish) at least one week prior to the scheduled class. If Electronic Opt-Out Form link is broken, please copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4gL3YXmtSECPuWK3hwbJgwNwCgk9QUdKt3X_GJVHLjNUNkQwRUtWUTlIVFI1S01TWkJYR04xUVQ3Qi4u>

Your child’s *VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children* personal safety lesson has been scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For specific questions regarding the training at your parish, please contact your child’s Director of Religious Education. If you have general questions regarding the *VIRTUS®*  program, please contact Griselda Cervantez at the Diocese of San Jose- Office for the Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults via email, Griselda.Cervantez@dsj.org, or phone (408) 983-0225.

 Thank you.