



DIocese OF MONTEREY

Office of the Safe Environment
Coordinator

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TO: Parents

FROM: _____ (Parish)

SUBJECT: Opportunity to "Opt Your Child In or Out" of the *Empowering God's Children* Program

DATE: _____

The Diocese of Monterey takes seriously the protection of our youth and vulnerable adults. As part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for youth, the Diocese of Monterey utilizes the Virtus Online Training platform to provide training for employees, volunteers and youth in our diocese. _____ (parish) will present *Empowering God's Children* to all our students on the following date _____.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether or not your child participates. We encourage you to read the attached overview so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Empowering God's Children* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact _____ at _____.

Please complete the "opt-in/out" form at the bottom of this page, and return it to _____ no later than _____. If you decide to opt out, we will provide you a copy of the lesson plan so you can teach your child(ren) the material at home, if you choose to do so.

If you would like to review the complete *Empowering God's Children* lesson plan, it is available in the parish religious education office. For more information on the program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

Opt-In/Out Form for use with the *Empowering God's Children* Program

Parent's Name (Printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child's name: _____

Parish: _____

☐ **HAS** my permission to present the *Empowering God's Children* program to my child

/// **OR** ///

☐ **does NOT have** my permission to present the *Empowering God's Children* program to my child