

Opt Out Form for the Safe Environment Program – *Teaching Safety* –

School or Parish: _____

SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Teaching Safety* program

PROGRAM DATE: _____

PROGRAM TIME: _____

PROGRAM (Parish/School) LOCATION: _____

We will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety* program, to our students on the date above. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Teaching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Helena 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.

The program is offered to all students in the Diocese of Helena. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the lesson plan so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact the Director of Religious Education at the parish or, School Principal if the program is offered at your child’s school. If you determine that you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, please complete the opt-out section at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later

For more information on the *Teaching Safety* program, visit the *VIRTUS Online*™ website at www.virtus.org.

Opt-out form for use with the *Teaching Safety* program:

My child **DOES NOT** have my permission to attend the *Teaching Safety* program.

Child’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____