

Saint Anne and Saint Jude

Roman Catholic Church The Diocese of Charleston

Together, We Share Our Faith

TO: Parents

FROM: Saint Anne and Saint Jude ~ Office of Faith Formation

SUBJECT: Prevention Education Notice / Opt-Out

Form Date: August 5, 2023

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church will present a sexual abuse prevention program, *Empowering God's Children – Teaching Safety*, to our students on, *Wednesday, October 25th with a makeup date on Wednesday, November 1st*. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments for all children and youth in our care.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church. As parents, you have the right to choose whether your student participates in the program. We encourage you to read the <u>"overview"</u> and <u>"lesson plan"</u> assigned to your child's age group to understand exactly what your child will be taught.

It is important to note, this is basic prevention education and is in no way to be considered sex education or education on private body parts. Neither of these components fall within our educational mandate to provide your child with the information needed to keep them safe from those who would do them harm.

If you wish to "opt" your child out of the prevention education session, please complete the "optout" form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher no later than, *Wednesday*, <u>October 25th</u>.

Opt-out form for use with the Empowering God's Children -Teaching Safety Program:

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church does <u>*not*</u> have my permission to present the *Empowering God's Children* -*Teaching Safety*, to my child/children:

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Parent's Name (printed)	
Parent's Signature	
Date:	