



DIocese OF MONTEREY

Office of the Safe Environment
Coordinator

831-373-1335

TO: Parents

FROM: Resurrection Church

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

DATE: September 2025-May 2026

Resurrection Church will present a sexual abuse prevention program, called *Empowering God's Children*, to our students during the Faith Formation year. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*TM program developed the *Empowering God's Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Monterey, and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Resurrection Church. We will notify you prior to the presentation of the lesson. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates. We will send you an overview and invite you to review it 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 call 831-688-4300 or email Deacon Patrick at dcnpatrick@resaptos.org (for grades 1-5), Fr. Romeo Evangelista at frromeo@resaptos.org (for middle school) or Gabrielle Summers at gabrielle@resaptos.org for Confirmation Year 1 & 2. If you decide to opt out, we will provide you with a copy of the lesson plan so you can teach your child 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 office. For more information on the program, visit the VIRTUS OnlineTM website at www.virtus.org.

Permission Form & Opt-Out Form for Use with the Touching Safety Program

Parent's Name (Printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Resurrection Church **HAS my permission** to present the *Empowering God's Children* program to my child, whose name is _____

/// OR ///

Resurrection Church **does NOT have my permission** to present the *Empowering God's Children* program to my child, whose name is _____