

This is being sent to all Priests/School Principals/DREs/Youth Ministers/SECs

In the fall of 2020, we will be using Virtus Empowering God's Children Lesson 3, "Boundaries: You Have Rights!" We have been given some different options on how to use the program this year. Please decide which option(s) you will be using for this audit year. This safe environment curriculum is for K-12 and sacramental preparation classes.

Listed below are different options with different instructions. The Virtus Completion form is provided at the end of this document for options 1 and 3. The Opt-Out form will still be required if a parent chooses not to participate in this program. Recording of the training data will be a little different as well so please read over all the options listed.

The training videos and lesson plans are in English and Spanish. Please complete the safe environment program for youth by December 1, 2020.

1st option – Parents/Guardians teaching their own children via the Internet:

Parents do NOT need a VIRTUS account but do need to use Google Chrome to access the program.

- Listed below are the links for the introductory video, "Power to Protect 2.0" (icebreaker) (Elementary/Middle/High School).
- Use the links below to access the Lesson 3 plans for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.
- When the Lesson 3 plan and video is completed, parents need to sign and date the Virtus Completion form at the end of this document, and it needs to be returned to the local SEC.
- The local SEC will record the data in the "Educators" tab in VIRTUS. The parents will NOT do this.
- The option for parents to opt out their children is still available. The Opt-Out form needs to be provided to the parents, signed and returned to the local SEC so this data can also be added to the "Educators" tab. The local SEC keeps the hard copy.
- Instructions on what to do and how to do it will be provided to the local SEC to give to parents.

2nd option – School teacher or Catechist teaches SE Curriculum via Zoom or other meeting option:

- I will need the "catechist" name so I can give them access to the "educator" tab and provide instructions on how to use it. We still require attendance to be recorded and sent to the local SEC.
- The option for parents to opt out their children is still available. The Opt-Out form needs to be provided to the parents, signed and returned to the local SEC so this data can also be added to the "Educators" tab. The local SEC keeps the hard copy.

3rd option – School/Parish provides video and hard copy lesson plans to parents/guardians:

- School/parish print and send home the age-appropriate materials for each child.
- When the Lesson 3 plan and video is completed, parents need to sign and date the Virtus Completion form at the end of this document, and it needs to be returned to the local SEC.
- The local SEC records the numbers for the appropriate grades/ages in VIRTUS.
- The option for parents to opt-out their children is still available. The Opt-Out form needs to be provided to the parents, signed and returned to the local SEC so this data can be added to the "Educators" tab. The local SEC keeps the hard copy.

4th option – In-Class Attendance:

- Traditional in-person classes with Virtus-trained staff.
- The age-appropriate "Power to Protect" video and Lesson 3 can be found ~~on~~ at the "educators" tab in VIRTUS.
- If the local SEC doesn't have access to this tab, or a teacher or catechist needs to be given access to it, please let me know.
- The option for parents to opt-out their children is still available. The Opt-Out form needs to be provided to the parents, signed and returned to the local SEC so this data can also be added to the "Educators" tab. The local SEC keeps the hard copy.

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*If you want to order DVD/USB or Parent Guides, you can do this with the order form from VIRTUS.

Information for Parents:

- Parent Letter ([English/Spanish](#))
- Instructions for Parents ([English/Spanish](#))

Information for Teachers and Catechists:

- [Instructions for Teachers/Catechist](#)
- Opt-Out Form ([English /Spanish](#))
- [Training Record](#)
- [Order Form from VIRTUS](#)

Direct links to lesson plans and videos:

For Parents, Teachers and Catechists as needed:

Overview of the Empowering God's Children Curriculum

English https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/TSP_overview.pdf

Spanish https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/TSP_overview_Spanish.pdf

Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide (ADULTS ONLY)

English <https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Teaching-Boundaries-and-Safety-Guide-English.pdf>

Spanish <https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Teaching-Boundaries-and-Safety-Guide-Spanish.pdf>

Elementary Grades:

Elementary School "Power to Protect" Video

English <https://www.youtube.com/embed/As5weSqt9Jw>

Spanish <https://www.youtube.com/embed/-ELCTmNKsw4>

Lesson 3 Grades K-2

English https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls13_Plan.pdf

Spanish https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls13_PlanSP.pdf

Lesson 3 Grades 3-5

English https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls15_Plan.pdf

Spanish https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls15_PlanSP.pdf

Middle School Grades:

Middle School "Power to Protect" Video

English <https://www.youtube.com/embed/P3RoYAYkDQ4>

Spanish <https://www.youtube.com/embed/XBN8gsD8A7U>

Lesson 3 Grades 6-8

English https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls17_Plan.pdf

Spanish https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls17_PlanSP.pdf

High School Grades:

High School "Power to Protect" Video

English https://www.youtube.com/embed/eY_oua646oc

Spanish <https://www.youtube.com/embed/ScP07b62IR0>

Lesson 3 Grades 9-12

English https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls19_Plan.pdf

Spanish https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/Ls19_PlanSP.pdf

*The following signed form should accompany the "Training Record." It can also be used as signature proof if needed.

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Virtus Completion Form

Parish/School

City

I have showed the age-appropriate Empowering God’s Children “Power to Protect” Video to my child(ren). I have also reviewed and trained my child(ren) using the age-appropriate Empowering God’s Children Lesson 3 – Boundaries: You Have Rights!

Child(ren): _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature

Date

Printed Parent Name

Please return this form to the school or parish