

**Empowering God's Children:
Year 1: Safety Rules
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
2020-2021 "Permission Slip"**

TO: *Parent or Guardian*

FROM: *St. Paschal Baylon Religious Education Program*

SUBJECT: *VIRTUS® Empowering God's Children Program for Children and Young People*

DATE: *Parent Class in November – Student Class in January*

We at **St. Paschal Baylon Religious Education Program** are committed to your child's safety and well-being. Almost daily, we hear of incidents of child sexual abuse happening. That is why learning how to prevent child sexual abuse is important, not only for us as adults, but also for our children and young people.

The topic for the 2020 – 2021 school year will focus on the importance of "**Safety Rules; Safe Adults/Safe Touch.**" Children and youth need to learn to help keep themselves safe. Classes are taught at age-appropriate levels, with younger children learning to be aware of some simple safety rules and to tell a safe adult if they are uncomfortable or unsure about anything that is happening to them. Older children and youth need a concrete understanding of the need for personal boundaries and body sensitivity. They also need the tools to help them safely negotiate the internet. (See attached parent articles).

The Empowering God's Children program is provided for free by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth and to protect all children from sexual abuse. For more information contact: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

If you have questions about the program, or would like to review any of the materials or DVDs, please feel free to contact Jennifer McCarthy at 805 496 0222 ext. 115 or Maxine Reynolds at 805 496 0222 ext. 114. You can also find a copy of this "permission slip" on the Religious Education website, for your reference. Thank you.

**ST. PASCHAL BAYLON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
Parent Permission Slip for the VIRTUS® Empowering God's Children Program
2020-2021**

I understand that for my child to participate in the VIRTUS® "Empowering God's Children Safety Program", I need to sign this Parent Permission Form. I am specifically requesting that St. Paschal Baylon Religious Education Program presents the *Empowering God's Children* program to my child:

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name (Printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____