

TO: Parents

FROM: Oratory Preparatory School of Summit

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

DATE: February 27, 2019

Oratory Prep School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety* program, to our students in March. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Teaching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Newark, 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 scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Oratory Prep. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the “overview” and “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 Fr. Scott Pontes at spontes@oratoryprep.org. **If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Friday, March 8, 2019.**

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:

Oratory Prep School does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety* program, to my child whose name is: _____

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____