



**TO: Parents**

**FROM: Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Parish Catholic Education program**

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

**DATE: 2023-2024**

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Catholic Education program will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students on 9/19/2023. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program develop the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Kansas City Kansas, 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 Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Catholic Education program. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the attached “overview” and “lesson plan” so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Paul Allen at 785-221-2749. 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 to your child’s teacher no later than 9/12/23.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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**Opt-out form for use with the *Touching Safety* program:**

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Catholic Education program **DOES NOT** have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program to my child\_\_\_\_\_.

Parent’s name (printed):\_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_