

TO: Parents
FROM: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church & School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program

St. Francis of Assisi Parish presents a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to all of the children in our parish that are enrolled in both our PRE program and our parish school. The creators of the VIRTUS: *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Memphis, 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 enrolled in St. Francis School and PRE program. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the attached “overview” 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 the following:

For PRE students, contact Betty Siano, DRE at 381-2545 or betty.siano@sfaschool.cdom.org
For School students, contact Brennan Sweeney at 381-2541 or Brennan.adrian@sfaschool.cdom.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.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at www.virtus.org.

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

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School/Parish Religious Education Program does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is

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Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____