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TO: Parents
FROM: St. Joseph Catholic School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “Opt Your Child Out” of the *Touching Safety* Program
DATE: 10/9/2017

St. Joseph Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students in October and March this school year. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Seattle, 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 our school. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the overview, available in our weekly school communication, 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 Mary Ellen LaRose at maryellenl@stjoevanschool.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 Tuesday, October 17.

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. Joseph Catholic School does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is _____.

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____