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**TO: Parents**

**FROM: Saint Joseph School**

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

**DATE: October 7, 2019**

Saint Joseph School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students in Religion classes during the week of October 14-18, 2019. 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 Saint Joseph School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Mary Ellen LaRose, [maryellenl@stjoevanschool.org](mailto: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 October 11, 2019.

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:**

Saint Joseph 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: \_\_\_\_\_