



TO: Parents

FROM: St. Monica Catholic School

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

DATE: School Year 2016-2017

St. Monica Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students during the week of November 13. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Kalamazoo, 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 St. Monica Catholic School. 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 Becky Reits, Principal at (269) 345-2444. 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, November 11.

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. Monica 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: _____