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TO: Parents
FROM: St. Monica Catholic School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt out your child” from the *Touching Safety* program
SCHOOL YEAR: 2017-2018

St. Monica Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students during November and May. 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.

Families new to St. Monica Catholic School receive a *Parent Booklet* explaining the *Touching Safety* program. Families who have been with us over the years should have received this book already. If you’ve misplaced your copy, the office has a copy for you to review.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at St. Monica Catholic School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether or not your student participates. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact the school office to preview the lesson plans or to speak to your child’s teacher. 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 the school office.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, you can also 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: _____