

TO: Parents
FROM: Sacred Heart St Joseph Parish CCD Religious Education Program
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
FOR: School Year 2021-2022

Sacred Heart St Joseph Parish CCD program will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students on 11/21/2021. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Kansas City KS, 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 of the Sacred Heart St Joseph CCD program. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to the web page virtusonline.org, 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 Sabrina Seidl at 785-506-5236 or Maggie Carey at 785-393-9881. 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 11/21/2021.

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:

Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Church CCD Program **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: _____