



TO: Parents of 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th Grade Faith Formation Students
FROM: Santa Maria del Mar Faith Formation
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
DATE: TBA

Santa Maria del Mar will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grade students. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*® program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of St. Augustine, 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 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade students enrolled in Faith Formation.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates. We encourage you to go to the web-site and read the overview of the program so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program: <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/touchingsafetyprogram.cfm>. If you would like to see a copy of the lesson plan, one is available through the Director of our Faith Formation program, Denise Collins, Denise@smdmcc.org 386-283-0530.

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Denise Collins. 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.

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:

Santa Maria del Mar’s Faith Formation 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: _____