

**TO: Parents**

**FROM: Diocese of Shreveport**

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

**DATE: 2021-2022 School Year**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program to our students on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The creators of *Protecting God’s Children* program developed *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Shreveport, 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 grades Kindergarten through High School at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. 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 Aga Chandler at (318)344-1185. 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 catechist no later than September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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:

I DO NOT give my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I have received a copy of *Protecting God’s Children Touching Safety – A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Other Caring Adults*.

I DO give my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is \_\_\_\_\_ .

Parent’s name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_