

VIRTUS "Teaching Touching Safety" Children's Program
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
"Permission Form"

TO: Parents
FROM: St. Monica Family Religious Education Program
SUBJECT: Opportunity to allow your child to participate in the *Touching Safety* program
DATE:

St. Monica will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Los Angeles Archdiocese, 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.

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 this important program. If you have questions about the program, please contact Marie Slaton at 310-395-8903. If you determine that you DO, in fact, want your child to participate, please complete the "opt-in" form at the bottom of this page, and return it at the time of registration. If your child is not participating, please check the information below.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at www.virtus.org.

Permission form for use with the *Touching Safety* program:

I understand that the only way my child will be allowed to participate in the Protecting God's Children "Touching Safety Program". I am specifically requesting that St. Monica Family Religious Education program present the *Touching Safety* program to my child whose name is:

_____.

Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you want to teach this program to your child yourself please see the program coordinator for an "Opt-Out Form and related materials.