

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is committed to your child's safety and well-being. Almost daily, we hear of incidents of child sexual or physical abuse in the media. Learning how to prevent these incidents is important. We as adults must learn how to keep our children safe. We also, however, need to teach them how to keep themselves safe.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help will present this program called "VIRTUS Teaching Touching Safety" to our students during our Religious Education Program

Grades K-2 on Monday, November 6

Grades 3-5 on Monday, November 13

Grades 6-8 on Monday, November 27

The topic reviewed is the following: "**The Touching Rules**" Students learn simple rules about what to do and how to react when someone's touch is confusing, scary, or makes the child or young person feel uncomfortable.

This program is provided by the Diocese of Gary and is part of our ongoing effort to create and maintain a safe environment for our children and to protect all children from sexual and physical abuse. For more information on the Teaching Touching Safety program, please visit [olphparish.net/protecting-children](http://olphparish.net/protecting-children) or the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

If you choose not to have your child attend this session please fill out the "Opt Out" form enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about the program, or would like to review any of the materials.

Thank You,

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