

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Religious Education Program

SUBJECT: Opportunity to opt out of the “Touching Safety Program”

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the “Touching Safety Program.”

This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Gary, 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 “overview” and “lesson plan” so you’ll be aware of the nature of the Touching Safety program. You can find this information at [olphparish.net](http://olphparish.net)

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Bob Meaney, 219-844-3438 or [rmeaney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmeaney@sbcglobal.net).

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.

For more information on the Touching Safety program, visit [olphparish.net](http://olphparish.net) (Religious Education/ Protecting Children) or the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

### **Opt-out form for use with the Touching Safety program**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Religious Education Program does not have my permission to present the “Touching Safety Program” to my child whose name is:

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Parent’s name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Your child should not attend class on the night of the Touching Safety Program**