



**TO: Parents of 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation Students**  
**FROM: Santa Maria del Mar Faith Formation**  
**SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program**  
**DATE: August 2017**

Santa Maria del Mar will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on **October 15, 2017**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at the 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 Coordinator of our Faith Formation program, Kim Cazzaniga, (386) 439-2791.

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Kim Cazzaniga. 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 Kim Cazzaniga no later than **October 8, 2017**.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent’s name (printed):

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Parent’s Signature:

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Date: