



**TO: Parents of 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Teen Teens**  
**FROM: Santa Maria del Mar Life Teen Program**  
**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 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on **September 24, 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Life Teen Program.

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 Coordinators 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 **September 17, 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 Life Teen Program does not have my permission to present the *Touching*

*Safety* program, to my child whose name is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent’s name (printed):

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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