



TO: Parents of 7th Grade Light Students
FROM: Santa Maria del Mar Light Middle School Program
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
DATE: August 2016

Santa Maria del Mar will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our 7th grade students on October 19th, 2016. 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 middle school grade students at the Light.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student 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 12th, 2016

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

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

Santa Maria del Mar’s Light Middle School 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: _____