

To: Parents
From: Holy Family Catholic School
Subject: "Opt-Out" your student from Virtus Touching Safety Program
Program Date: Tues., November 17, 2009 and Wed., November 18, 2009

Holy Family Catholic School will present the archdiocese Virtus "Touching Safety" Program on sexual abuse prevention to 3rd – 8th grade students on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

The creators of the Protecting God's Children program developed this program, which is approved by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. It is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe learning environment for all our children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. The scheduled lessons are being offered to 3rd – 8th grade students at Holy Family School (K-2 students have already completed this requirement with the recent visit from Happy Bear).

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. An overview of the Touching Safety program, including a description of the lesson plans, is available for you to review, in the school office.

If you have further questions about the program or the lessons, please contact Principal Lee Schmidt, or School Counselor Mary Woodward, at 234-8980. You might also wish to visit the VIRTUS *Online* website, which is: www.virtus.org.

Should you decide you **DO NOT** want your 3rd – 8th grade child to participate, you will need to complete the "opt-out" form below with your signature and date, and return it to school no later than Monday, November 16, 2009.

Complete this "Opt-Out" form for school **ONLY if you DO NOT** want your 3rd – 8th grade child to participate in the Touching Safety program on Nov. 17-18, 2009.

"Holy Family Catholic School **does NOT have my permission** to present the Touching Safety program to my child."

(child's name) _____

(parent's name – print) _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____