

TO: Parents
FROM: St. Andrew Parish - Sumner, WA
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program
DATE: March 5th, 2017 (K-8) / March 12th High School

St. Andrew Parish will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students on March 5th and March 12th. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Seattle, 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 students at St. Andrew Parish. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the information found on the Seattle Archdiocese link below so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Monica Rodrigues at 253-863-4300. 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 no later than March 5th or 12th. (March 5th for K-8 and March 12th for High School.)

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org or the Seattle Archdiocese at <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/SEP/faithformation.aspx>.

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

St. Andrew Parish does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is _____ / GRADE _____.

I will not bring my child to class on March 5th (K- 8) / March 12th for High School youth.

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____