

TO: Parents
FROM: Lawrence D. McLaughlin
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
DATE: August 23, 2007

St Anne will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students during the week of September 17 in the Religion classes. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*[®] program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston, 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 Anne. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the “overview” and “lesson plan” at www.nationalcatholic.org/touchingsafely/charleston.htm 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 me at 803-324-4814. 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 September 7, 2007.

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:

St. Anne 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: _____