

**TO: Parents**  
**FROM: Holy Cross & St. Luke Churches**  
**SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program**  
**DATE: August 2016**

Holy Cross and St. Luke’s Churches will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students during the first semester of religious education 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 Holy Cross and St. Luke Church. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the attached “overview” and “lesson plan” 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 Faye Fazio at 864-855-9039. 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 or the parish office no later than September 30, 2016.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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

Holy Cross/St. Luke Church does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child(ren) whose name/names are:

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Parent’s name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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