

St. Joseph the Worker CCD will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students in Preschool through 8th grades on October 11th and March 28th. The creators of the ***Protecting God's Children*** program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Wheeling-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.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates. You are more than welcome to look over the lesson plan ahead of time so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program. The program is also available for you if you would like to facilitate it yourself. If you have questions about the program or the lessons, please contact Brady Webb at the rectory at 304-723-2054. 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 catechist or Brady Webb no later than October 6th.

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. Joseph the Worker CCD 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: _____

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