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Our Lady of Consolation
School

TO: Parents
FROM: Our Lady of Consolation School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
DATE: August 23, 2016

Our Lady of Consolation School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students again this year. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, 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 lessons are being offered to all students at Our Lady of Consolation School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the Parent Overview” lesson at <https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/TeachingTouchingSafety.pdf> 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 your child’s teacher or myself. 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 6, 2016.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at www.virtus.org.

Thanks,
Mr. Varner

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

Our Lady of Consolation School does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child.

Name(s) _____

Parent’s name (printed) _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____