

Prince of Peace  
Religious Education Department  
Enrollment Form

For Office Use

Section \_\_\_\_\_

Fees Paid/Ck# \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Bapt. Cert Y/N

Are you registered at Prince of Peace? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(This is not the parish registration form. Please contact the parish for a new member packet.)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child resides with whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments: **A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate must accompany this form.**

*Baptism* \_\_\_\_\_ *Reconciliation* \_\_\_\_\_ *First Holy Communion* \_\_\_\_\_ *Confirmation* \_\_\_\_\_

Received/need \_\_\_\_\_ Received/need \_\_\_\_\_ Received/need \_\_\_\_\_ Received/need \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ As of Fall of 2011

Are there allergies, medical issues or other information we should know about this child?

Please list names and grades of other children in the R.E program at Prince of Peace:

Desired R.E. class time choice (circle one) 4:30pm 6:30pm

**I would like to volunteer to be a Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Hall Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_**

Family or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adult contacts we should have on file:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Relationship to child – mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, guardian, etc.

**I have read the Religious Education Brochure:  Yes**

**Please read page 2 and sign the “Opt In/Out” form on page 3 of this document. I have completed the “Opt In/Out” form:  Yes**

**I give permission for my child's photo to be taken and possibly used on our web-site (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_**

## ***Protecting God's Children (Overview of the Touching Safety Program)***

The job of ensuring children's safety is a challenging undertaking. The *Teaching Touching Safety* is a program in which parents, teachers, catechists, and youth ministers inform children and young people about possible harm they may face in an attempt to keep them safe.

The Touching Safety Program Lessons were created for Four Specific Age Groups:

- Grades K through 2
- Grades 3 through 5
- Grades 6 through 8
- Grades 9 through 12

Each year, the program provides a theme that builds on the basic concepts of the *Teaching Touching Safety* Guide. The material includes content and activities that reinforce the message. The lessons are organized in a four-year cycle so each child experiences a different lesson plan each time the materials are presented and receives the information from the *Teaching Touching Safety* Guide concept by concept. As a child advances to the next age group, there are a new set of age related lessons that discuss the major topics in increasingly greater detail.

The themes covered in each of the four years are:

**Year 1 Lesson 1: Touching Safety Rules** – Students learn simple rules about what to do and how to react when someone's touch is confusing, scary, or makes the child or young person feel uncomfortable.

**Lesson 2: Safe Friends, Safe Adults, and Safe Touches** – Children, young people, and their parents establish basic guidelines for working together to make certain which friends and other adults in their environment can be trusted to act safely and in the best interest of each child or young person.

**Year 2 Lesson 3: Boundaries** – Students learn about personal boundaries and how identifying and honoring those boundaries can give a child or young person the self assurance needed to speak up when someone tries to step over the line.

**Lesson 4: Telling Someone You Trust** – Children and young people learn who to tell when something makes them feel uncomfortable or confused.

**Year 3 Lesson 5: Grooming** – Students learn about the types of behavior that may indicate that an adult is grooming the child or young person for something more than friendship.

**Lesson 6: "No secrets"** – Reinforcing and building on the lessons from Year 2, this lesson deals with peer groups and other influences (including grooming by an abuser) that prevent children and young people from reporting inappropriate behavior. It also helps children and young people develop their own decision-making process.

**Year 4 Lesson 7: Internet Safety** – Teaches some "Do's and Don'ts" about dealing with others on the internet and the importance of protecting personal information.

**Lesson 8: Creating and Following Family Rules** – Children need to follow their parent's and guardian's rules to stay safe. They should participate in creating family rules for everyone to follow that protect the family from harm.

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

TO: Prince of Peace Religious Education Parents  
FROM: Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
SUBJECT: VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children Touching Safety program (K5 – 7th)  
DATE: July 27th, 2011

Prince of Peace Catholic Church will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the Touching Safety program, to our students during their regularly scheduled class times during the 2011-2012 school year (actual dates appear below). 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 Prince of Peace. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your children participate.

We encourage you to read the safety guide and lesson plans available at: <http://www.nationalcatholic.org/touchingsafety/charleston.htm> before making your decision. If you are not able to access these materials online, please stop by the Office of Religious Education for copies. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Lara Pennell ([lara.pennell@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:lara.pennell@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or 331-3919.)

**Virtus Date:**  
Wednesday, September 28th

**Make-up date:**  
Wednesday, October 5th

All students attend class during their regular session on the specified dates. The VIRTUS lesson does not last the entire length of class. The students who do not have permission to attend will be given an alternative activity or may choose to not attend the classes for that week.

All forms MUST be returned!

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church **does** have my permission to present the Touching Safety program, to my child(ren) whose name(s) is/are:

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church **does not** have my permission to present the Touching Safety program, to my child(ren) whose name(s) is/are:

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Parent's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form with your Religious Education Registration Form. Thank you!