

July 1, 2016

TO: Parents
FROM: Saint Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Program
SUBJECT: Prevention Education Notice / Opt-Out Form

Saint Michael Religious Education Program will present a sexual abuse prevention program, Teaching Touching Safety, to our students on October 23, 2016, with a make-up date of October 30, 2016. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments for all children and youth in our care.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Saint Michael Catholic Church and School. As parents, you have the right to choose whether your student participates in the program. We encourage you to read the “overview” and “lesson plan” assigned to your child’s age group to understand exactly what your child will be taught. These documents can be accessed at www.catholic-doc.org or viewed at our Parent Meeting on October 2, 2016.

It is important to note, this is basic prevention education and is in no way to be considered sex education or education on private body parts. Neither of these components fall within our educational mandate to provide your child with the information needed to keep them safe from those who would do them harm.

If you wish to “opt” your child out of the prevention education session, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child’s teacher no later than October 16, 2016.

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Opt-out form for use with the Teaching Touching Safety Program:

- My child(ren) **WILL** attend the Teaching Touching Safety Lesson.
- Saint Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Program does **NOT** have my permission to present the Teaching Touching Safety Lesson, to my child/children:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Parent’s Name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

VERY IMPORTANT: Please complete “Teaching Touching Safety” & “Photo Release Form”

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TO: Parents
FROM: Saint Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Program
SUBJECT: Photograph / Press Release

Saint Michael Religious Education Program may take photographs, videos, written extractions, and voice recordings of program participants during various parish activities for the purpose of illustrations, publications, and websites.

Check one:

- I **do** hereby authorize and give full consent to Saint Michael Catholic Church to publish and copyright all photographs, videos, written extractions, and voice recordings in which my child appears.

- I do **NOT** consent to the photographs, videos, written extractions, and voice recording release for my child.

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Parent's Name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

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