

**VIRTUS “TeachingTouching Safety” Training Program for High School Youth
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
“Permission Slip”**

TO: Parents of high school teenagers in the Confirmation Program / Youth Ministry

FROM: Theresa Costanzo, Director of Youth Ministry

SUBJECT: *Teaching Touching Safety* Training Permission Slip

At one of the scheduled confirmation sessions during the 2011-2012 year, we will present the Virtus Teaching Touching Safety sexual abuse prevention program developed by the creators of the for high school confirmation candidates. Developed by the creators of the *Protecting God’s Children™*, this program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for our youth and to protect all children from sexual abuse (Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the Bishops of the U.S. in June 2002). The contents are presented in a three-year cycle and are appropriate for high school adolescents.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at ym@st-rita.org

For more information visit the VIRTUS *Online™* website at www.virtus.org.

Permission form for use with the *Teaching Touching Safety* program:

I give my son/daughter permission to participate in the Virtus “Teaching Touching Safety Training Program” and am specifically requesting that the St. Rita Parish present the program to my son/daughter whose name is: _____.

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____