

VIRTUS® “Teaching Touching Safety” Children’s Program
“Permission Slip”

TO: *Parent or Guardian*

FROM: *Saint Rita Religious Education Program*

SUBJECT: *VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety Program for Children and Young People*

DATE: *June 11, 2018*

We at **Saint Rita** are committed to your child’s safety and well-being. We hear of incidents of child abuse, both sexual and other forms, occurring almost daily in our society. Having the knowledge and understanding to protect and keep ourselves safe is important for children and adults.

The creators of the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children have developed the Teaching Touching Safety Program, to share with children and young people, God’s love for them and their uniqueness and importance in His sight also to assure children, that God desires their happiness, health and safety.

Therefore, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles provides the Teaching Touching Safety program as an ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth to be protected from all forms of abuse. The focus of the program is to empower children and youth with knowledge and understanding to keep themselves safe.

This year we will present VIRTUS® *Teaching Touching Safety program* to our students in a class lesson during the month of October. The topic(s) for this year’s lesson(s) include Boundaries/Bullying & Internet Safety Rules. Each lesson includes a “Home Activity,” for students to complete with a parent/guardian. A Summer Safety Lesson will also be presented at the end of each school year.

Parents/guardians seeking additional information regarding this program or who would like to review the materials/videos, please feel free to contact **the** Religious Education Department at 626-355.1292.

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



Saint Rita Religious Education Program
Parent Permission Slip for the VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety Program

I understand that for my child to participate in the VIRTUS® “Teaching Touching Safety Program” I need to fill out and return this Parent Permission Form at the time of registration. I am specifically requesting that Saint Rita present the *Teaching Touching Safety* program to my child.

Child’s Name (printed): _____

Parent’s Name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____