

# Our Lady of Grace School

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Dear Parents,

Our Lady of Grace will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students on October 15, 2008. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Newark, 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.

Although we view this effort as part of the cooperative arrangement that you, as parents and guardians, and we, as teachers in this school, have undertaken to educate your child, we realize that some parents or guardians would prefer to teach sexual abuse awareness to their children themselves. Consequently, you may request that your child "opt out" of the program. You also have the option to conduct this training yourself using the materials we will use. If you have questions about the program, please refer to the Archdiocese Website.

If you choose to have your child opt out of the program, you must return the form below to the school no later than October 9, 2008. He or she will leave the classroom for the specific class period and return when it is completed. During the time the Teaching Touching Safety class is under way, he or she will be supervised in another classroom.

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

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

*(Please check only one statement, fill in the boxes below, and return this form to School Office by October 9, 2008)*

I am specifically requesting that my child ***not*** participate in the *Touching Safety* program.

I will present the *Touching Safety* program to my child using material found on the Archdiocese website..

Child's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_