



**VIRTUS “Teaching Touching Safety” Children’s Program  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles**

**TO: Saint Mark Parents**

**SUBJECT: Participation in our *Touching Safety* program**

Dear Parents:

The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program have developed *Touching Safety* – a safety program with outstanding age-appropriate video presentations and lesson/discussion/activity plans that will help our children in grades TK-8 know how loved and protected they are and deserve to be. *Touching Safety* is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 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. It also includes consideration of both adult and peer behaviors, facilitating an important discussion and awareness of bullying, physical, verbal and emotional behaviors that are also unacceptable where charity, respect and dignity are practiced.

The *Touching Safety* program is not a “facts of life” or sexual education program! It is about safety! *Touching Safety* is a part of our curriculum and will be presented and reinforced throughout the school year.

Please read the overview and lesson plans found in your **SMS Parent/Student Handbook Appendix** to acquaint yourself with the nature of this important program, and complete the acknowledgement, below.

Please don’t hesitate to call our office if you have any questions!

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM  
Thank You!**

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**Has my permission to participate in the *Protecting God’s Children* “*Touching Safety*” program at SMS**

Will not participate in the program

**Parent’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_