



St. Mary School

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Offering Work Love & Sacrifice

As a significant ministry of St. Mary's Parish, our mission is to support the faith formation of families, providing a quality education within a Catholic Christian setting. Our purpose is to nurture the life of Jesus within each child through programs and experiences that allow them to mature into disciples of Christ.

TO: Parents
FROM: St. Mary's Catholic School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to "opt your child out" of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program
DATE: 1/18/19

St. Mary's School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to our students on 2/1/19. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Toledo, 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.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at St. Mary's Catholic School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the attached "overview" and "lesson plan" so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Michelle Knippen at 419-943-2801. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the "opt-out" form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child's teacher no later than 1/25/19.

For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

Opt-out form for use with the Touching Safety program:

St. Mary's School does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children* program, to my child whose name is

_____.

Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

*The Virtus Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide Handbook is available at ls.noacsc.org