

TO: Parents
From: Barbara Cole, Principal
St. John Neumann Catholic School
Subject: September 24, 2009

St. John Neumann Catholic School will present the sexual abuse prevention program, *Touching Safety*, to our students on October 1, 2009*. The creators of the ***Protecting God's Children***TM program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston, 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. John Neumann Catholic School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you come to the school office and read the "overview" and "lesson plan" so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Barbara Cole at 803-788-1367. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the "op-out" form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher no later than **8:00 AM on October 1, 2009**.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS OnlineTM website at www.virtus.org.

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

St. John Neumann Catholic School **does not** have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is _____.

Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

*** If your child is in 5th grade, they will have their lesson on Monday, October 5th.