

**TO:** Parents/Guardians

**FROM:** Parkersburg Catholic High School

**SUBJECT:** Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program

**DATE:** August 24, 2009

Parkersburg Catholic High School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students before October 30, 2009. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Wheeling-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 Parkersburg Catholic High School. As a parent/guardian, 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 *Touching Safety* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Bob Bell or John Laney at 304-485-6341. Please complete the form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher.

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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Parkersburg Catholic High School **has/does not have** (circle one) permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian’s Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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