THE CHURCH OF
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TO: **Parents**
FROM: **St. Genevieve Faith Formation Program**
SUBJECT: **Opportunity to "opt your child out" of the *Touching Safety* program**
DATE: **Wednesday, March 20**

The Archdiocese of St. Paul Minneapolis takes very seriously its commitment to protecting children by every means available. To that end, age-appropriate resources are presented annually to all children and youth in Archdiocesan catechetical programs. In the coming weeks, your child will participate in such a lesson from the *Touching Safety* program.

The lessons are age-appropriate and are designed to help children develop the vocabulary and boundary distinctions necessary to ensure their health and safety. You may want to preview the lesson your child will be taught. You are also most welcome to attend the class with your child. You can find the grade-specific lessons on the parish website www.stgens.org. We encourage you to read the "overview" and the Lesson Plan so you will be aware of the nature of the Touching Safety program.

However, we also understand and support the role of parents as the primary educators of their children and recognize that some parents may choose to present this instruction themselves to their own children. If you would like this and "opt out" of the classroom opportunity, please complete and return the provided opt-out form to the Faith Formation Office. We will provide you a package of material to do at home.

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact ThuyAnh Hoang at 657-426-1818.

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

St. Genevieve Faith Formation Program does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is

_____Grade_____.

Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____