

VIRTUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

We are committed to your child’s safety and well-being. Almost daily, we hear of incidents of child sexual abuse happening. That is why learning how to prevent it is important that not only, we as adults must learn how to keep our children and young people safe, but that we also teach them to keep themselves safe.

St. Lawrence Martyr Religious Education will present a child sexual abuse prevention program, called VIRTUS® *Touching Safety*, to our students during the school year. The exact date will be provided in the calendar. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program which consists of “Five Safety Rules” children need to learn to help keep themselves safe. They will also learn about internet and technology safety, setting boundaries, bullying and related topics.

This program is provided by Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth to protect all children from sexual abuse. For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, you may visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at www.virtus.org. If you have questions about the program, please feel free to contact the Director of Religious Education at (310) 316-0961.

I understand that for my child to participate in the VIRTUS® “Touching Safety Program” I need to complete this Parent Permission Form.

- I am specifically requesting that St. Lawrence Martyr Religious Education present the *Touching Safety* program to my child.
- I **DO NOT** give permission for St. Lawrence Martyr Religious Education to present the *Touching Safety* program to my child.

Child(ren)’s Name(s) _____

Parent’s Name (Printed) _____

Parent’s Signature _____

Date: _____