

TO: Parents

FROM: Deacon James and Tina Moore, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

SUBJECT: Prevention Education Notice / Opt-Out Form

Date: August 1, 2017

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program, *Teaching Touching Safety*, to our students on September 27<sup>th</sup>, with a make-up date to follow if necessary. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments for all children and youth in our care.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Blessed Sacrament Church Religious Education program. As parents, you have the right to choose whether your student participates in the program. We encourage you to read the "overview" and "lesson plan" for your child's grade level assigned to your child's age group to understand exactly what your child will be taught.

**It is important to note, this is basic prevention education and is in no way to be considered sex education or education on private body parts.** Neither of these components fall within our educational mandate to provide your child with the information needed to keep them safe from those who would do them harm.

**If you wish for your child to participate, do nothing.** If you wish to "opt" your child out of the prevention education session, please complete the "opt-out" form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher no later than September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish does not have my permission to present the Teaching Touching Safety program, to my child/children:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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