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To: All New School Parents
From: Pat Kalahar and Paula Ryan
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Re: *Protecting God's Children: Teaching Touching Safety Program*

Holy Spirit School will participate in the *Protecting God's Children: Teaching Touching Safety* program as directed by the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Two age-appropriate lessons will be taught at each grade level (Young 5's – 8th Grade) during the school year. This program is part of an on-going effort by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from abuse.

The *Protecting God's Children: Teaching Touching Safety* Program covers the topics of:

- Private body parts and personal boundaries
- How to identify Safe Friends and Safe Adults
- The difference between safe and unsafe touches
- What to do if they are touched in an unsafe manner.

You may access more information regarding the Touching Safety program by visiting the VIRTUS Online website at www.virtus.org. If you would like to view the lesson that will be presented to your child, please contact your child's teacher.