

TO: St. Anne Parents
FROM: Mike Borte—Pastoral Associate
SUBJECT: Touching Safety Program
DATE: March 31, 2019

As 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 Archdiocese of Seattle has worked with the creators of the *Protecting God's Children*™ program to develop the *Touching Safety* program. While designed to be presented as part of a classroom curriculum, we are providing all of the materials to allow you to cover the material in an in-home setting.

We encourage you to read "Educating Yourself As The Parent/Guardian" (Found at the Archdiocese website below) and then go through the "lesson plan" with your child. We believe you will find these materials appropriate, helpful and important in instilling a proper sense of boundaries, self-respect and safety that is so important for us to provide our children. You will find the lesson plans by grade here:

<https://seattlearch.app.box.com/s/4n5eh3vpygmu7gnlle0j3orz0o67ccdm>

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at:

<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/SEP/faithformation.aspx>.

NOTE: The video links on this site are no longer active. You can find the videos at the following links:

- ▶ Elementary School - <https://www.youtube.com/embed/As5weSqt9Jw>
- ▶ Middle School - <https://www.youtube.com/embed/P3RoYAYkDQ4>
- ▶ High School - https://www.youtube.com/embed/eY_oua646oc

if you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Mike Borte @ mikeborte@stanneseattle.org or 206-282-0223 X-311.

To enable us to comply with Archdiocesan policies, please complete the form below and return it to Mike Borte.

Touching Safety Program Archdiocese of Seattle

I have received and completed the *Touching Safety* program materials from St. Anne Parish with my child(ren).

Parent's name (printed): _____

Child(ren) _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form to mikeborte@stanneseattle.org

If you choose to opt out of this program, please check the following and return the form.

I have received the information about the Safe Touch Program from my parish, but choose not to use this program with my child/ren.