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Dear Parents,

In June 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops produced the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Charter states that those who work closely with children - as well as **the children themselves need to be trained on preventing child sexual abuse.** The Diocese of Memphis, has been directed to implement a safe environment program for **children.** This is in addition to the adult training for all those who come in contact with children in the Diocese of Memphis. The particular program that our parish will be using is ***Virtus: Touching Safety Program.*** This training program for children and young people will include age appropriate materials pertaining to personal safety. This includes information about improper touching and relationships. Both OLPH School and Parish Religious Education students will be given the opportunity to participate in the ***Touching Safety Program*** during the 2017-2018 school year.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates. We encourage you to go the VIRTUS Online website at www.virtus.org. Go to **Touching Safety Program** and read the overview and lesson plan so you will be aware of the nature of the **Touching Safety Program**. If you have any questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Mr. Craig DeMille, Director of Religious Education (754-1204 ext. 318).

We are One in Christ,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Craig DeMille
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