

**TO: Parents/Caregivers**  
**FROM: St. Martha Catholic Church**  
**SUBJECT: Optional At Home Virtus Training**

Teaching children and youth to protect themselves is part of the mandate of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002. (Article 12)

St. Martha Catholic Church will present a program called *Virtus* to all students. *Virtus* is a sexual and physical abuse prevention program. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*™ Program developed the *Teaching Touching Safety* lessons for this year. These programs are provided to us by the Diocese of San Bernardino and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth to protect all children and youth from all forms of abuse.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your son or daughter participates in the parishes age specific Virtus training sessions. However, in this situation, the Diocese requires that YOU (the parent) present this information to your own child/children at home. If you have any questions about the program or the lesson, please contact the coordinator for the program your child is involved in, Brandon Tait (btait@sbdioocese.org), or Vincent Kyamko-Yap (vkyamko@sbdioocese.org). If you would prefer to do the at home training, please sign and date the bottom of this page. Then save the signed and dated document to your computer and submit it to us through form for the Optional At Home Training on saintmarthayouth.com. **By signing this document, you are agreeing to take the parent training course on the Virtus website and use the material provided to you to teach this information to your child/children at home.**

For more information on the *Teaching Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

### **Optional at Home Training for the *Virtus* program.**

#### **Lessons 9 and 10: Respect Whom God has Made:**

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I acknowledge that I have received the links, and copies of the program lessons to review and teach this material and provide a safe environment training experience for my child/children in my own home. I also acknowledge that, to receive credit for completing this training, I must fill out the website form on saintmarthyouth.com properly and provide documentation of this agreement and my at home training experience:

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

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

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