

**VIRTUS® “TEACHING TOUCHING SAFETY” CHILDREN’S PROGRAM  
“PERMISSION FORM”**

We at **Saint James’ Youth Ministry** are committed to your child’s safety and well-being. We hear of incidents of child abuse, both sexual and other forms, occurring almost daily in our society. Having the knowledge and understanding to protect and keep ourselves safe is important for children and adults.

The creators of the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children have developed the Teaching Touching Safety Program, to share with children and young people, God’s love for them and their uniqueness and importance in His sight also to assure children, that God desires their happiness, health and safety.

Therefore, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles provides the Teaching Touching Safety program as an ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth to be protected from all forms of abuse. The focus of the program is to empower children and youth with knowledge and understanding to keep themselves safe.

We are pleased to offer this program to the youth in Saint James’ Edge. We understand that majority of the youth in Edge will be participating in the same safety program with Saint James Catholic School or Saint James Religious Education, therefore we will offer this program as needed. As our commitment, we would need a safety program permission form on our file to ensure that each participant in Edge have/will receive the safety program at Saint James School or Saint James Religious Education.

For more information on the VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety program, you may visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). For more information contact: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

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Please mark one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ My son/daughter is participating in the VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety program with Saint James Catholic School for the year 2017-2018.

\_\_\_\_\_ My son/daughter is participating in the VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety program with Saint James Religious Education for the year 2017-2018.

**Participant’s Name (printed):**

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(Last Name)

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(First Name)

**Parent/Guardian’s Name (printed):**

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(Last Name)

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(First Name)

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature

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Today’s Date