



THE GOOD NEWS JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder: this month students in Grades 1 - 8 will be participating in the Teaching Touching Safety classes. Please see calendar on the reverse side for your child's day, date and location.

At the Parent Meeting in September all new parents were given, in their family folder, the booklet: **Teaching Touching Safety: A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Other Caring Adults.**

Teaching Touching Safety is a booklet that empowers parents to teach their children about keeping private body parts private. It also helps parents understand and identify the "safe friends," "safe adults," "unsafe adults," and "special safe adults" in the life of each child. Plus, it provides guidance for how to teach children about appropriate boundaries in relationships.

Because Church teachings call upon educators, catechists, youth ministers, and other caring adults to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their own children, Teaching Touching Safety provides educators with the core information parents should discuss with their children. Educators are then empowered to clearly distinguish which information is appropriate for parents to discuss, versus information appropriate for educators to discuss with children.

Notably, **educators who present the Touching Safety program will never be in a position to discuss the names of private body parts or specifics about private body parts with their students.**

Rather, Teaching Touching Safety provides educators with the appropriate framework to support parents by presenting and reinforcing information about safe touches, unsafe touches, and establishing appropriate boundaries in relationships.

Please mark January 20th on your calendar for **One Life LA**, celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life here in Los Angeles. Please see reverse side for more information.

I am pleased to attach the January issue of **Partners in Faith**. Here are three highlights:

- + We can tell a lot about the way Mary and Joseph parented Jesus by the way he acted as an adult. The main article on page one offers parenting tips from the Holy Family.
- + Jesus was clear that he wants us to be kind to everyone. The main article on page two offers simple ways to show children how to offer kindness to friend and stranger alike.
- + Our children benefit from a partnership between home and school but it can be tempting to forget that teachers have our children's best interests at heart. The ParentTalk feature details one parent's realization that her child's teacher really knew best.

I hope your holidays were filled with love, joy and peace!

God Bless You!

Choose Love: One Life LA

Join Archbishop Gomez at One Life LA, an event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death here in Downtown Los Angeles on January 20th . Join us as we unite communities and inspire positive action through this annual event that promotes LIFE!

We have attached a postcard with information for the event.

Registration is now open. More information is available at <http://OneLifeLA.org>

REMINDER

Teaching Touching Safety Class has been moved to the Parish Center. Children in Grades 1-6, on their assigned day, are to be dropped off as you normally do at the Parish Center.

Do not drop off your child at Kavanagh Hall

Tuesday, January 9th—1st and 2nd Year students

Wednesday, January 10th—1st and 2nd Year students

Tuesday, January 16th—3rd and 4th Grade

Wednesday, January 17th—3rd and 4th Grade

Tuesday, January 23rd—5th and 6th Grade

Wednesday, January 24th—5th and 6th Grade

Tuesday, January 23rd—7th and 8th Grade

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1-5 **RE Office will be closed**
- Jan 9 Classes resume Grades 1-6, 7-8
- Jan 10 Classes resume Grades 1-6
- Jan 9-10 Teaching Touching Safety Class
Year 1 and 2 - Parish Center
Tuesday Rm.4 / Wednesday Rm.4
- Jan 15 **Martin Luther King Jr.
RE Office Closed**
- Jan 16-17 Teaching Touching Safety Class
Grades 3 and 4 - Parish Center
Tuesday Rm.5 / Wednesday Rm.5
- Jan 22 First Communion Parent Meeting
7:00pm Kavanagh Hall
- Jan 23 Teaching Touching Safety Class
Grades 7 and 8 - Room 6
- Jan 23-24 Teaching Touching Safety Class
Grades 5 and 6 - Parish Center
Tuesday Rm.4 / Wednesday Rm.4
- Jan 29 Rite of Enrollment - Church
1st Year Students
- Jan 30 **No Classes** - (Grades 1-6, 7-8)
Teacher In-Service Training
- Jan 31 **No Classes** - (Grades 1-6)
Teacher In-Service Training

SUNDAY Children's Liturgy of the Word....

Celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the 10:00am Mass for children ages 6-12. The next Liturgy of the Word will be on Sunday, January 14th and 28th.

There is always room for more presiders and/or readers.

To volunteer, or for more information, please call Mary Wiest at (310) 540-7966.