

# **Catholic Mutual... "CARES"**

## **Use of 11(including driver) to 15 Passenger Vans is Prohibited!**

11(including driver) -15 passenger vans should either be replaced with a school bus or a Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB). A MFSAB is a vehicle which complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to school buses for crash survivability and mirrors.

If a MFSAB is used, the vehicle must meet the following four FMVSS:

*FMVSS 111 – Fulfills the safety requirement for the rear-view and cross-view visibility.*

*FMVSS 220 – Establishes requirements for the school bus body structure in rollover accidents.*

*FMVSS 221 – Regulates the strength of body panel joints in school buses.*

*FMVSS 222 – Establishes occupant protection requirements for school bus passenger seating and barriers.*

Removal of seats from a vehicle designed to transport 11(including driver) to 15 passenger vans to make the vehicle a 10 or less passenger vehicle is not allowed. Additionally, shuttle buses that do not meet the above listed Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for a MFSAB are not allowed.

Mini-vans may be used to transport children or adults. A mini-van is **defined** as a passenger vehicle designed to transport no more than 8 total occupants.

While the use of 11 (including driver) to 15 passenger vans is prohibited to transport people, the vehicles can be used for cargo hauling **only** if all but the two front seats are removed.

**If you have questions whether or not your vehicle would be in compliance, please contact the Risk Management Department at 1-800-228-6108.**

