

PREFACE

The Parish Risk Management Manual has been assembled to provide information and assistance to parishes regarding common activities and loss exposures.

The policies and procedures reviewed are not intended to replace or supercede diocesan policies already implemented. It is possible those in the manual can support and strengthen procedures currently being used.

Many of the accidents, injuries and property damage claims incurred by the Catholic Church are preventable. The importance of having safety training, risk management procedures and appropriate maintenance procedures in place cannot be emphasized enough. We would ask that you review and use this manual to better protect and safeguard your employees, parishioners, guests, and facilities. The parish administrator or parish council should gain a basic understanding of the subjects listed. Specifics could be reviewed in stages or as applicable situations arise. Areas addressing maintenance and youth group activities could be provided to appropriate maintenance and youth ministry individuals. What is important is that those individuals who could benefit from the information available, are able to access it.

If a question or concern regarding safety or risk management needs to be discussed or reviewed, please contact or consult with the **Diocesan Claims/Risk Manager at Catholic Mutual at (866) 833-3090.**

Thank you.