

Diocese of Lafayette's Guidelines for 11-15 Passenger Vans

Diocese of Lafayette puts forth the following guidelines for 11-15 passenger vans.

- ◆ All locations must eliminate the use of 11-15 passenger vans for the transportation of people or goods. 11-15 passenger vans should never be owned whether to transport people or goods.
- ◆ New or used 11-15 passenger vans should not be purchased or leased (for any period of time) for the transportation of people or goods, nor should they be accepted as a donation.
- ◆ Seats should not be removed from an 11-15 passenger van to reduce capacity. Also, nine passengers or less should not be transported in a 12 or 15 passenger van.
- ◆ 11-15 passenger vans should be replaced with either a school bus or a Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB). An MFSAB is a vehicle which complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to school buses for crash survivability and mirrors. If used for the transportation of children, these vehicles **must** meet FMVSS 111; FMVSS 220; FMVSS 221; and FMVSS 222 (see below). Catholic Mutual recommends that these guidelines also be followed when selecting vehicles for adult transportation.
- ◆ Although MFSAB's are preferred, mini-vans may continue to be used to transport children or adults.

When selecting a replacement vehicle for the 11 to 15 passenger vans, the following Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards should be included in the vehicle when used for the transportation of children and adults:

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.