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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A growing area of liability exposure within the Catholic Church is related to driving and transportation activities. In an effort to reduce the chance of loss in this area, Catholic Mutual Group developed the Safety Education Solutions online training platform.

The Diocese of San Bernardino now requires that completion of the defensive driving course *Be Smart – Drive Safe* is mandatory for all employees and volunteers who drive as part of their position or duties and all drivers of diocesan and location owned vehicles, effective July 1, 2014. Also, at least one individual in an administrative position at your location must complete the online training course *Church Transportation – Is it Necessary and Ministry-Based?* as well as review the *11 – 15 Passenger Van Policy*.

This valuable training is available free and can be easily accessed when it is most convenient for the trainee. The course *Be Smart – Drive Safe* and *Church Transportation – Is it Necessary and Ministry-Based?* takes 20 minutes to complete, the instructions are enclosed. The 11 – 15 Passenger Van Policy is also enclosed and will be a quick read.

If you have any questions regarding the use of this new platform and the mandatory requirements, please contact the Catholic Mutual office at (909)886-6001.

Thank you,

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