

# FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Commercial carrier or contracted transportation is the most desirable method to be used for field trips and, whenever possible, this mode of transportation should be provided. The use of private passenger vehicles is discouraged and should be avoided if at all possible. If commercial carriers are used (e.g., commercial airlines, trains, or buses) no further information is required. However, if transportation is contracted, signed contracts should be executed with an appropriate hold harmless agreement protecting the parish and the Diocese of La Crosse. Also, contracted carriers should provide proof of insurance with minimum limits of liability of \$1,000,000 CSL (Combined Single Limit).

## **Leased Vehicles**

If a vehicle is leased, rented, or borrowed to transport participants to and from the event, appropriate insurance should be obtained. Coverage can be purchased through the rental company or your local agent.

## **Private Passenger Vehicles**

If a private passenger vehicle must be used, then the following information must be supplied and this information must be certified by the driver in question.

1. The driver must be 25 years of age or older.
2. The driver must have a valid, non-probationary driver's license and no physical disability that could in any way impair his/her ability to drive the vehicle safely.
3. The vehicle must have a valid and current registration and valid and current license plates.
4. The vehicle must be insured for the following minimum limits: \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per occurrence.

A signed **Field Trip Driver Information Form** on each vehicle used must be obtained prior to the field trip.

Each driver and/or chaperon should be given a copy of the approved itinerary including the route to be followed and a summary of his/her responsibilities.

## **Distance Limitations** (For non-contracted transportation)

1. Daily maximum miles driven should not exceed 500 miles per vehicle.
2. Maximum number of consecutive miles driven should not exceed 250 miles per driver without at least a 30-minute break.