# Catholic Mutual..."CARES" 

## HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PARISH HAS BEEN NAMED AS AN "ADDITIONAL INSURED?"

Many parishes have a difficult time determining when they have been named as an additional insured on a tenant, contractor or facility user insurance policy. Parishes often obtain a certificate of insurance, which names the parish as a "certificate holder." It is not adequate to be named as a "certificate holder."

The insurance certificate furnished to the parish by the tenant, contractor or facility user must indicate in writing that both the parish and the (Arch)Diocese are named as an additional insured. Please refer to Exhibit A for an example of a certificate of insurance where the parish has been named as an additional insured. Please note that not every certificate of insurance naming the parish and the (Arch)Diocese as an additional insured will look like Exhibit A. However, somewhere on the certificate the words additional insured must appear.

It is very important that the parish be listed as an additional insured rather than as a "certificate holder." As a "certificate holder," the parish has no legal rights under a tenant, contractor or facility user's insurance policy. However, when the parish has been named as an additional insured, the insurance policy of the tenant, contractor or facility user must defend the parish against claims, which resulted from tenant, contractor or facility user operations at the parish. The purpose of being named as an additional insured is to reduce the number of dollars spent on claims not related to parish activities. Therefore, it is essential that parishes verify that both the parish and the (Arch)Diocese have been named as an additional insured.

Since a contractor, tenant, facility user or parish festival vendor will have to make a specific request to their insurance company to get the parish named as an additional insured, it is important to inform them of this requirement well in advance.


