

## USE OF 10-15 PASSENGER VANS

Effective July 1, 2003, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas has adopted the following policies governing the use of 10-15 passenger vans (whether owned, leased or borrowed).

- The use of non-owned (borrowed) or short-term leased 10 to 15 passenger vans to transport children or adults is prohibited beginning July 1, 2003.
- **The use of 10 to 15 passenger vans to transport children or adults is totally prohibited beginning July 1, 2004.** Beginning July 1, 2004, 10 to 15 passenger vans may be used for cargo hauling only **if** all but the two front seats are removed.
- Although **not recommended**, to allow for a transition to other types of vehicles, organizations may continue to use owned or long-term leased 10 to 15 passenger vans to transport children or adults until July 1, 2004 (unless prohibited by state law). However, 10 to 15 passenger vans cannot be purchased or leased after July 1, 2003 for the intent of transporting children or adults.
- Nine passenger vans, or smaller, may continue to be used to transport children or adults. A nine-passenger van is defined as a van **designed** to transport nine passengers plus the driver for a total of ten people.