

## THE CATHOLIC MUTUAL CONNECTION

### Preparing for the Unthinkable

Nobody likes to think about it, but the threat of an active shooter situation occurring during Mass is something for which every parish should be prepared. Many parishes are forming safety and security committees to ensure that there are safety protocols in place should a shooting occur – and that everyone knows what they are.



Catholic Mutual has developed guidelines for your consideration to assist parishes in planning and preparedness for an active shooter scenario.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with, and share, our new [Church Security](#) and [Active Shooter Emergency Response](#) guidelines in our CARES library, and to view our training videos on responding to an active shooter situation on [CMGConnect](#) (under School Safety Curriculum).

For more information, please contact your risk management specialist.



### When All Hope Seems Lost...

The Tubbs Fire that burned through eight Northern California counties this past October was the most destructive wildfire in California's history. Among the many buildings it destroyed were the library, an administration building and several classrooms belonging to Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa. Left standing in the rubble, however, was the school's shrine, which has provided hope and comfort to the entire community. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to everyone impacted by the fires and supporting our members in the area however we can.

### Safer Fish Fries

Now that the Lenten season is upon us, many churches will be coming together to raise funds and fellowship with weekly fish fries. In order to reduce your exposure to liabilities including food poisoning, potential fires, burns, slips and falls and anything else that might fall under Murphy's Law, we recommend that all personnel and volunteers participating in fish fries review [Fish Fry Best Practices](#) in the CARES library.



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