

## The Catholic Mutual Connection

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### Safeguarding Against Water Damage

Ever since the days of Noah, floods have been problematic for mankind. And, while they may not always reach biblical proportions, water-related issues such as frozen pipes, sewer backups and floods result in multi-million dollar losses every year for Catholic properties in the United States and Canada.



Water and temperature sensors are a great way to help organizations identify potential issues – and stem the tide of any hidden drips – before they become major risk exposures. Now that the freezin' season is upon us, it's a good time to make sure your buildings are properly equipped with the sensors they need to protect against loss. Our CARES library includes [valuable information](#) about how they work, where to position them around the building and things to consider before you purchase. For more information, please contact your risk management representative.

#### Safety Tip

For many of us, the coming months mean taking extra precautions to ensure that our parishioners, students, staff and others stay safe on Church property. This includes practicing due diligence by following [recommended ice and snow removal procedures](#) and documenting each time you've put down salt or sand.

### Practicing Flu Smarts

Another year, another flu season. So far, experts are hopeful that this year won't be quite as bad as the 2017-'18 flu season, but for anyone who gets it, the flu can mean days or even weeks of misery -- and we can't ever predict when a major pandemic will strike. Keeping the flu virus contained can be challenging in schools and church – particularly during the times of the Mass where we come in direct contact with others, such as Holy Communion, the sign of peace and The Lord's Prayer. Please feel free to share these [guidelines on flu prevention](#) and [Flu Pandemic Preparedness](#) from our CARES library with whomever you deem appropriate.



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