



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE FOR INSURANCE AND BENEFITS

April 28, 2026

To: Pastors/Principals/Business managers

Re: Inflatables

Our liability insurance carrier has recently notified us that they have added an exclusion to our policy that all inflatables are excluded from coverage. The wording in the policy is as follows:

V. Inflatables

arising out of the operation, possession, or use of any inflatable bounce house or any other Inflatable Apparatus. For purposes of this exclusion, an Inflatable Apparatus is any appliance, equipment or device that depends upon nonrigid, gas-filled chambers for buoyancy and that is normally kept uninflated until ready for use.

They further elaborated on this, "Accordingly, there is no requirement that the participants go inside or jump on the inflatable apparatus for loss arising out of the inflatable apparatus's operation, possession, or use, for it to be excluded from coverage."

Due to this change, we can no longer allow the use of any inflatables on our properties for parish events or private events. When you permit a parishioner to have a private event on parish property, they will need to know they cannot bring any inflatables onto the property. In the event a parish were to permit or allow the use of any inflatable apparatus, the parish will be solely responsible for any and all claims or liabilities arising from such use, including all costs associated with any resulting claim or litigation.

Contact my office should you have any questions.

Peace,

Patrick A. Ketchum

Director of Insurance