

**Fr. Samuel J. Venne**

November 19, 2020

The Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger  
Catholic Diocese of Buffalo  
795 Main St.  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany  
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Dear Bishop Scharfenberger:

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Please be advised that I am requesting you provide me with a copy of the recommendation issued by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith that forms the basis for your letter to me dated November 5, 2020.

By this letter, I also request that you provide me with a copy of the transcript or recording from the proceeding that apparently occurred on February 5, 2020 where my case was discussed by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith.

As part of my appeal, please note the following facts:

1. That I was never notified by you, Bishop Malone or any other official from the Congregation of Doctrine that my matter would be discussed or testimony presented in February of 2020.
2. That since I was never contacted about this proceeding, I need proof that the Congregation on the Doctrine of the Faith considered, before ruling, that I passed a polygraph test and that they considered all of the other material that was submitted on my behalf.
3. That I was never given an opportunity to testify or present evidence to the Congregation that would clearly demonstrate that I am innocent of these accusations.
4. That I have never met with a you, any other Bishop, or a priest to discuss the circumstances surrounding this false claim.

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Please provide me with the name and address of the person from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith who handled my case, and I will correspond with that individual directly.

Please understand that I do not recognize or accept the Penal Precept nor any other document adversely impacting my faculties issued to me by you or the Diocese of Buffalo, as this matter was not done in compliance with basic notions of fairness and due process.

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