

Penal Precept
The Reverend Samuel Venne

INSOFAR as the Reverend Samuel Venne, a priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, has been accused of the sexual abuse of minors, and further

INSOFAR as these allegations of sexual abuse of minors have been carefully and thoroughly investigated and found to be credible, and further

INSOFAR as Samuel Venne is no longer seen as fit or suitable for ministry in the Church, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Canon Law and the norms of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young people, and further


INSOFAR as Samuel Venne has been removed from the active priestly ministry now since April 18, 2018,

I, the Most Reverend Edward Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of Buffalo, do hereby formally issue this penal precept (cf. can. 1319 CIC) continuing the suspension of the Reverend Samuel Venne from the priestly ministry and assign him to a life of prayer and penance.

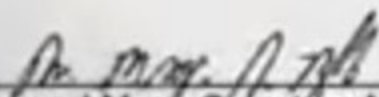
Specifically, I hereby revoke any and all faculties that Samuel Venne may have held at any time, given by either universal law or particular law. Further Samuel Venne is forbidden to present himself as a priest or agent of the Church in any manner whatsoever. He is forbidden to wear the customary clerical garb or to employ the traditional clerical honorary titles (e.g., "Reverend", "Father"). He is forbidden to publicly celebrate the sacraments except in those danger-of-death situations noted in the Code of Canon Law. Further penalties could be imposed in case the provisions of this precept are not obeyed (Can. 1371, 2^o CIC).

This Penal Precept is effective as of this present date and remains in force for a period of 7 years or until revoked or amended by competent ecclesiastical authority.

Given at the Chancery Office, at Buffalo, New York, this 5th Day of November, 2020.



The Most Reverend Edward Scharfenberger
Apostolic Administrator of Buffalo



The Reverend Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, STL, JCL
Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Buffalo