



December 20, 2016

The Reverend James G. Faluszcak  
369 Main Street  
Kersey, PA 15853

## PENAL PRECEPT

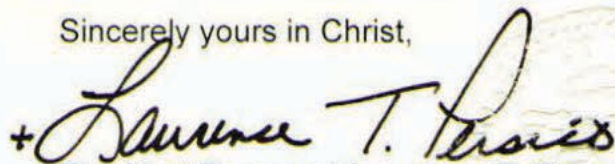
Dear Father Faluszcak:

When you abandoned priestly ministry in 2014, I removed your faculties and restricted the public exercise of your ministry as a priest. More recently, it has come to my attention that you are now residing at the home of parishioner within the parish where you last served. Your presence there is publicly known, has caused scandal among some members of the parish community, and is causing difficulties for Father Ross Micelli as he seeks to administer the parish.

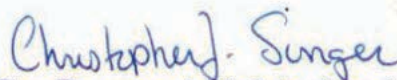
For this reason, I am directing you under obedience, to which you are still bound, to withdraw from residing within Saint Boniface Parish and to report to me so that I can assign you to an appropriate residence. You are to do so on or before January 15, 2017. Should you fail to do so, I will initiate the process to impose upon you the canonical penalty of suspension. To that end, I am issuing this penal precept, in accord with can. 1319 §1.

In these latter days of Advent, we have a renewed source for hope in the promise of the Lord. As I continue to remember you in prayer, I also urge you to reflect upon your priestly vocation and to return to the path to which the Lord has called you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie



The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor