



Diocese of Davenport

## PRECEPT

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of the authority specified in canon 381, §1, and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I, William E. Franklin, Bishop of Davenport, hereby bind Reverend James M. Janssen with the following specific obligations:

1. To refrain from all contact with minors (those under the age of 18);
2. To cease work in places of employment where contact with minors is likely to occur;
3. To further avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the areas of sexual morality.

I further bind him to fulfill the requirements laid upon him on February 5, 1997, that delimited his public presbyteral ministry and the required specific permission for him to exercise that ministry.

The reasons motivating these provisions are most serious. Past allegations have again been raised that Reverend James M. Janssen has engaged in immoral sexual activities that violate the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1) and activities that may be in violation of the diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy (effective July 3, 1998) – Appendix B: Ministry to Minors. Whatever the full truth of the alleged behaviors, in fact scandal has arisen among numerous members of the diocesan community.

Given the seriousness of alleged violations, the provisions of this precept are necessary and prudent for you and all concerned.

The execution of this precept is entrusted to the Vicar General, Reverend Drake Shafer, to be presented to Reverend James M. Janssen personally on this very day. This precept will remain in force until specifically rescinded.

Given on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Year of Our Lord 2000 at the Curia of the Diocese of Davenport.

Wm. E. Franklin  
(Most Rev.) Wm. E. Franklin  
Bishop of Davenport

Joseph M. Wolf  
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Vice-Chancellor

