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Vatican Communicates St. Barnabas Appeal Decision

The Vatican's Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura has responded to a parish that appealed its suppression or merger as part of All Things New.

The Prefect has rejected the petition for hierarchical recourse for St. Barnaba Parish in O'Fallon, thus upholding Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's 2023 decree to subsume St. Barnabas Parish into Assumption Parish in O'Fallon. The prefect decreed that the decision is final.

St. Barnabas was the final parish for which there was an outstanding appeal to the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura.

Please visit the All Things New [website](#) for more information, including all related decrees, letters, and news releases.

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