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Vatican Upholds Decrees Regarding Two Additional Parishes

Today, the Archdiocese of St. Louis received additional communications from the Dicastery for the Clergy regarding petitions related to two All Things New decrees. Today's communications follow three others announced earlier this week. (See note below for details.)

After studying the acts of the case for St. Francis of Assisi parish in Luebbering, the Dicastery for the Clergy rejected the petition for hierarchical recourse, thus upholding Archbishop Rozanski's May 24, 2023, decree, in which St. Francis was subsumed by St. Clare parish in St. Clair, effective August 1, 2023.

Additionally, after studying the acts of the case for St. Catherine of Alexandria parish in Ste. Genevieve, the Dicastery for the Clergy rejected the petition for hierarchical recourse, thus upholding Archbishop Rozanski's May 24, 2023, decree, in which St. Catherine was subsumed by St. Joseph parish in Farmington, effective August 1, 2023.

These are the remaining parishes for whom there is an outstanding appeal:

- Our Lady of Sorrows
- St. Bernadette
- St. Agnes
- St. Lawrence
- St. Paul (Berger)
- St. Barnabas
- St. Matthew

Note: *Earlier this week, the Archdiocese reported that the Dicastery for the Clergy also [upheld the decree regarding St. Roch parish in St. Louis](#) and [overturned decrees regarding St. Angela Merici in Florissant and St. Martin of Tours in Lemay](#).*

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