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Archdiocese Receives Vatican Communications Regarding Two More Parish Decrees

Today, the Archdiocese of St. Louis received additional communications from the Dicastery for the Clergy regarding petitions related to two All Things New decrees, which were issued by Archbishop Rozanski on May 24, 2023.

After studying the acts of the case for St. Angela Merici parish in Florissant, the Dicastery for the Clergy did not find just cause for the parish to be combined to form a single parish with St. Norbert and Holy Name of Jesus parishes. The Dicastery was therefore unable to sustain Archbishop Rozanski's decree. While remaining three separate parish communities, St. Angela Merici, St. Norbert and Holy Name of Jesus parishes will all remain under the pastoral guidance of Fr. Peter Faimega.

Additionally, after studying the acts of the case for St. Martin of Tours parish in Lemay, the Dicastery for the Clergy did not find just cause for the parish to be subsumed by St. Mark parish. The Dicastery was therefore unable to sustain Archbishop Rozanski's decree. While remaining two separate parish communities, St. Martin of Tours and St. Mark parishes will both remain under the pastoral guidance of Fr. Robert Burkemper, as will St. Bernadette parish in Lemay, which remains under appeal awaiting a decision from the Dicastery.

Since Archbishop Rozanski suspended the effects of the St. Angela Merici and St. Martin of Tours decrees prior to these decisions from the Dicastery, no additional changes will be necessary. These are the remaining parishes for whom there is an outstanding appeal:

- Our Lady of Sorrows
- St. Bernadette
- St. Agnes
- St. Lawrence
- St. Catherine of Alexandria
- St. Paul (Berger)
- St. Francis of Assisi (Luebbering)
- St. Barnabas
- St. Matthew

Note: Earlier today, the Archdiocese reported that after studying the acts of the case for St. Roch parish in St. Louis, the Dicastery for the Clergy rejected the petition for hierarchical recourse, thus upholding Archbishop Rozanski's decree, in which St. Roch was subsumed by Christ the King parish.

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Please visit [our website](#) for more information regarding All Things New, including related decrees issued by Archbishop Rozanski and the All Things New Parish Workbooks.

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