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Vatican Upholds Decrees Regarding Two Additional Parishes

This week, the Archdiocese of St. Louis received additional communications from the Dicastery for the Clergy regarding petitions related to two All Things New decrees.

After reviewing the petition for hierarchical recourse for Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish in St. Louis, the Dicastery for the Clergy rejected the petition, thus upholding Archbishop Rozanski's May 24, 2023, decree to join Saint Matthew the Apostle, through an extinctive union, to the newly erected parish temporarily named Our Lady of the Holy Cross, Saint Augustine, Saint Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish.

Additionally, after reviewing the petition for hierarchical recourse for Our Lady of Sorrows parish in St. Louis, the Dicastery for the Clergy rejected the petition, thus upholding Archbishop Rozanski's May 24, 2023, decree to join Our Lady of Sorrows, through an extinctive union, to the newly erected parish temporarily named Our Lady of Sorrows, Saint Mary Magdalen, and Saint Joan of Arc Parish.

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

- St. Bernadette
- St. Agnes
- St. Lawrence

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