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Vatican Communicates Decisions Regarding Two More Parish Decrees

This week, the Archdiocese of St. Louis received two decisions from the Dicastery for the Clergy regarding All Things New decrees. In the first decision, Archbishop Rozanski's decree regarding the extinctive union of Saints Philip and James Parish in River aux Vases into St. Genevieve Parish in St. Genevieve was upheld.

In the second decision, the Dicastery for the Clergy did not find just cause for an extinctive union of St. Richard Parish in Creve Coeur, given the parish's financial and demographic stability. The Dicastery was therefore unable to sustain Archbishop Rozanski's decree. However, since Archbishop Rozanski suspended the effects of the decree prior to this decision from the Dicastery, no additional changes will be necessary. St. Richard Parish will proceed under the pastoral guidance of Fr. Sebastian Mundackal, who will also provide for the pastoral care of St. Monica Parish.

Notably, the Dicastery supported the decision for these two parishes to share a pastor and specifically rejected the suggestion that All Things New was a "preconceived plan to close or notably alter" parishes of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

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

- St. Angela Merici
- St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist
- St. Roch
- Our Lady of Sorrows
- St. Bernadette
- St. Martin of Tours
- St. Agnes
- St. Lawrence
- St. Catherine of Alexandria
- St. Paul (Berger)
- St. Francis of Assisi (Luebbering)
- St. Barnabas
- St. Matthew

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