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What exactly did the Dicastery for the Clergy accept and reject?

The Dicastery for the Clergy accepted petitions for recourse against the decree subsuming St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish into Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, as well as the decree subsuming Sts. Philip and James Parish into Ste. Genevieve Parish.

In accepting a petition for hierarchical recourse, the Dicastery for the Clergy does not reverse the Archbishop's decision, but agrees to review the decision at the request of the recurrent.

In addition, the Dicastery for the Clergy rejected the petitions for recourse against the following:

- subsuming Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Ferguson into Sacred Heart Parish, in Florissant;
- subsuming St. Matthew Parish into Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and St. Matthew the Apostle Parish;
- the appointments of the parish administrator of Holy Rosary Parish in Warrenton and parish administrator of St. Mary's Parish in Hawk Point; as well as the appointment of the pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Saint Charles County;
- the appointment of the same priest as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Port Hudson, St. Ann Parish in Clover Bottom, and St. Gertrude Parish in Krakow;
- appointing the Reverend Msgr. John B. Shamleffer as pastor of Annunziata Parish in Ladue and Ste. Genevieve du Bois Parish in Warson Woods, and the nomination of the Reverend Msgr. John J. Leykam as Pastor Emeritus of Annunziata Parish and appointment as Senior Associate Pastor of Ste. Genevieve du Bois Parish.

How many petitions for recourse were submitted in response to Archbishop Rozanski's Pentecost 2023 decrees?

- Archbishop Rozanski received petitions for hierarchical recourse regarding the decrees for eight parishes: St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant; St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Coffman; St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Luebbering; St. Martin of Tours Parish in Lemay; St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in St. Louis; St. Richard Parish in Creve Coeur; St. Roch Parish in St. Louis; and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in St. Louis. Those petitions were forwarded to the Dicastery for the Clergy.
- We are aware that other parishioners submitted petitions for recourse directly to the Dicastery for the Clergy. In these cases, the archdiocese must wait for communications from the Dicastery to confirm their receipt of additional petitions. To date, the Dicastery has confirmed receipt of petitions for recourse regarding decrees for three additional parishes: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish; St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish; and Sts. Philip and James Parish.

When will the Dicastery for the Clergy make decisions regarding these petitions?

While there is no timeline for the Dicastery for the Clergy to make decisions regarding any remaining appeals, it is likely that the process will take several months.