

“Ex. D” - Documented Timeline / Requests re: closure and sale of Saints Mary & Joseph Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis (Nov. 2021 – Feb. 2022)

(Screenshot to show addressees for all 12 emails, including for the original certified Rule 34 Legal Hold Notice as the “1st request”)



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Feb 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM

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12th (& Final) Request -- Will you follow Canon Law re: church closure(s)

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In prayer and contemplation, it seems 12 requests is more than sufficient to establish that the Archdiocese & its leaders not only have no intention of obeying God's Law, and following required Canon Law in regard to Church closure(s); but also that you have no intention of even providing the courtesy of a written response (of any kind) to such a legitimate request. Today's Feast Day (discussed below) and 12 being the number of the Apostles, seems fitting. As our Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, one might appropriately ask if our Bishop(s) are following those successors who poured out their lives Defending The Faith (even unto martyrdom, except for St. John), or if they are following one who even though he was selected by Jesus, chose in his free will to disobey and reject Jesus?

Faithful Catholics (as they approach Lent & the "Disciple Maker Index") should absolutely ask if you have followed (and/or will follow) universal and required Law of Holy Mother Church (Canon Law). In that regard, I specifically request that General Counsel Tom Buckley provide a written response telling me or any faithful Catholic if there might be a "cloud" on the title of the property of Sts. Mary & Joseph, if it is sold in disobedience to God's Law, in disobedience to required Canon Law (& its required notice, etc.)?

As you know, today is the Feast Day of Bishop, Confessor & Doctor of the Church, St. Peter Damian. Now there was a true successor of the Apostles. Showing great promise as a young scholar, he excelled in many subjects, especially (as we know), CANON LAW. As a true reformer of the Church, he was not afraid to call out bad Bishops (by name). In obedience, he called all people to repentance and obedience to Canon Law. This Feast Day (and the one tomorrow in honor of the

Chair of St. Peter) speak volumes to Catholics today, especially in St. Louis. They force us to ask the key question, "By what authority?"

As Catholics, we know it is the Authority of Christ, passed to St. Peter. But we also know that we MUST ASSENT to the full Deposit of Faith, it is not "optional." That is the inerrant & Magisterial teaching of Holy Mother Church, which includes Canon Law. No Bishop, not even the Bishop of Rome, is free to change or disobey Canon Law simply at his whim. One can certainly rightly ask....."if a Bishop closes & sells Church property, in disobedience to God's Law (Canon Law), by what authority is he truly acting???"

As you know from the prior 11 emails (& prior correspondence), I am compelled by Canon 212 & Matthew 18 to send this. IF I am in error (in any way), I welcome the fraternal correction of any addressee. But please do not burden your soul with the bearing of false witness (or calumny, gossip, etc.), but rather please do as I have done, setting forth specific factual issues, evidence and timelines, and then adding my name, AND SIGNATURE, to each and every such piece of correspondence to Your Excellency and your leadership. I would welcome any such correction, because I am indeed a faithful son of Holy Mother Church, your obedient servant as well, but God's first, last & always !!!

St. Peter Damian, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of Holy Church, pray for us!
Your true brother in Christ,

Ken Battis
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On Feb 10, 2022, at 7:47 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Your Excellency Archbishop Rozanski, Vicar General Fr. Martin & all archdiocesan leaders:

Please accept this as the 11th request, and once again a request for the favor of a written reply. Bishop Strickland spoke powerfully today about the Deposit of the Faith, in an interview broadcast by Church Militant. He was unequivocally in his defense of the Faith, and saying that we MUST follow Church Teaching. In that regard, I ask once again clearly, will you obey Canon Law?

Fr. Martin, I do not think it is accidental or coincidental that Archbishop Rozanski chose a good & holy priest, and one who was a former Vocations Director and known throughout the Archdiocese. You have built your reputation rightly as a good & holy priest, defending the Faith & Faithful (and Canon Law). But all of us will be watching closely to see if you continue to follow Magisterial Teaching & Canon Law, in "All Things New" and your new role?

Your true brother in Christ,

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On Feb 5, 2022, at 12:10 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

St. Agatha, pray for us!!

I plead for the intercession of St. Agatha, who gave up all wealth, honor, privilege or position in this world, to serve God and our Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you will mercy on your faithful flock, and answer this request. I pray fervently that you will all answer the simple question, that if church/parish closures are a part of "All Things New," that you will commit publicly and in writing that you will follow Canon Law of Holy Mother Church in all such action.

I once again respectfully ask for the favor of a written reply, of any kind, to this email (now 10th request). We know that God is all-merciful, but he is also all-just. Canon Law is part of the in-errant teaching and Deposit of Faith of the Catholic Church. I plead with you and pray that you will heed the teaching of Holy Mother Church, and the words of St. Bruno, who stated directly that "no act is charitable if it is not just."

Failing to follow Canon Law and defend the full Deposit of Faith in "All Things New" thus cannot be seen as charitable, AT ALL, and in ANY WAY, if it is not JUST, and in obedience to Canon Law.

Your true brother in Christ,

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On Feb 2, 2022, at 12:38 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Your Excellency Archbishop Rozanski (& all applicable archdiocesan leaders):

Perhaps not surprisingly to an attorney who has seen the Church hierarchy corruption up close for decades, you have ignored the 8 prior requests, including the one sent on the launch-day for "All Things New." How can the faithful flock trust any of you, if you will not even answer a simple inquiry, on a single Church closure?

We all understand that the true goal in "All Things New" is to close dozens upon dozens of parishes, and do all you can to restrict the number of "canonical pastors" who would then have specific canonical rights (that you likewise deny or do not follow). But as we know from the readings on this Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, God is sending his messenger to prepare the way. God will not abandon his faithful flock and those who seek to follow/defend Canon Law, even if faithless and corrupt shepherds seek to scatter His flock. As I am your true brother in Christ, I am absolutely compelled under Canon 212 and Matthew 18 to continue to send these notices.

Beyond the repeated requests below re: Sts. Mary & Joseph (which I renew here), I ask you all the very simple question at the start of "All Things New".....will you follow required Church law (Canon Law) on any and all necessary parish/church closures, yes or no?

I remain a faithful son of Holy Mother Church, and a humble servant to my Archbishop, His Excellency Mitchell Rozanski. But I will remain God's humble and faithful servant, first and always. I once again ask for the favor of a written reply. May God richly bless each of you.

Your true brother in Christ,

Ken Battis

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On Jan 25, 2022, at 11:10 AM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Steadfast in faith, and forward in hope.....that you will follow the Universal Law of Holy Mother Church (Canon Law), I prayerfully send you this 8th request.

The Feast Day of the conversion of St. Paul is indeed fitting for all Catholics to determine if they follow the Spirit of the Age and their own designs, or the Will of God and the unwavering teachings of Holy Mother Church. I am sincerely and fervently praying for you and all of the leaders of our Archdiocese. May God's Holy Will be done!!! I pray as well that it does not take a blinding light throwing you to the ground to soften your hearts. But rather that you actually (truly) listen to the faithful flock, not just try to make a PR-attempt at "seeming" to ask for the input of the faithful, while ignoring legitimate inquiries and prayerful pleas.

So, respectfully and prayerfully, I send you this 8th request for a response in regard to this critical matter of obeying (or disobeying) the Canon Law of Holy Mother Church. There is no in-between. I pray as well for the favor of a written reply, and that it becomes crystal-clear to all Catholics in St. Louis and beyond, whether you think yourself above God's Law, above the Law of Holy Mother Church, or subordinate to it in love and fidelity. Faithfully following the Canon Law of Holy Mother Church is surely the only true path "forward in hope" for any faithful Catholic in this Archdiocese.

Your true brother in Christ,

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On Jan 17, 2022, at 3:45 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Your Excellency Archbishop Rozanski & your entire Archdiocesan leadership team:

I am sending this 7th request on the federal day of service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I hope that all of the faithful flock in the Archdiocese of St. Louis rightly judge your actions (or inactions), not your flowery words or speeches about justice, truth & transparency. The lack of a response (and the lack of following Canon Law) should speak volumes to the faithful flock in terms of how you intend to follow (or disregard) Canon Law in the upcoming Pastoral Plan, and whether you intend to serve Holy Mother Church and her faithful sons & daughters, or simply serve yourself.

Your true brother in Christ,

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On Jan 9, 2022, at 1:43 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

On this Feast Day of Our Lord's baptism, I pray that the end of the Christmas season will bring some charity to your hearts, and you will thus be moved to send a reply to this repeated request.

May God richly bless all of your ministries.
Your true brother in Christ,

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On Dec 31, 2021, at 7:36 AM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Happy Feast Day of St. Catherine Laboure & Memorial of Pope St. Sylvester !!

I am praying that by their intercession & within the Christmas Octave, your hearts will not be hardened against your flock. I pray that you will not continue to ignore the faithful or simple requests such as this. Please see below and I continue to pray fervently for all leaders within the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Your true brother in Christ,

Ken Battis
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On Dec 17, 2021, at 2:31 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Your Excellency Archbishop Rozanski and all applicable leadership within the Archdiocese of STL:

Please consider this a renewed/4th request for the information that, under Canon Law, is required to be published and therefore should be publicly (and readily) available to send in reply.

Your true brother in Christ,

Ken Battis
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On Dec 7, 2021, at 1:12 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Happy Feast Day of St. Ambrose !!!

May his example and witness not only inspire me to send this 3rd request (see below), but inspire all Bishops (as successors of the Apostles) to defend Holy Mother Church just as he did. He stood up to the powerful of his day (even an Emperor!!), and barred him from even ENTERING the Church, or calling himself a Catholic, until he repented. And the Emperor did indeed repent.

May Archbishop Rozanski and all Bishops have the moral courage to defend the FULL Deposit of Faith, including Canon 915 against those who "claim" to be Catholic but need to be called to repentance, and including ALL Canon Law in regard to the closing & sale of the consecrated & sacred ground of any Catholic Church, including St. Mary & Joseph in the Archdiocese of STL.

I ask once again for the favor of a written reply to this inquiry and all of its questions/publications. St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of Holy Mother Church, pray for us!!!!
Your true brother in Christ,

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On Dec 1, 2021, at 5:48 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Your Excellency Archbishop Rozanski and your leadership team:

Perhaps not surprisingly, I received no response whatsoever in regard my email below. Now more than 2 weeks later, please consider this my second request for copies of all public documentation regarding any notices or publication you completed in regard to the currently listed Church for sale. The favor of some kind of written reply is once again requested.

Very shortly, you will be embarking on a 2-year+ "listening" and re-organization plan, which will undoubtedly involve the closing of parishes. How will the faithful of St. Louis be able to trust you, if you refuse to follow Canon Law (Universal & mandatory Church Law) regarding a closure before that process even begins? How will anyone believe that you want transparency or a "dialogue" with truly faithful Catholics, when you refuse to even send a reply, of any kind, regarding such an important matter of REQUIRED ACTION by any cleric, under Canon Law?

I remain your faithful servant, a faithful son of Holy Mother Church, and in prayer for your souls.
Your true brother in Christ,

Ken Battis
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On Nov 16, 2021, at 5:45 PM, Ken Battis <ken.battis@icloud.com> wrote:

Please see the attached and very important Rule 34 Legal Hold Notice. May God richly bless us, if we are willing to do His Will.
<RULE 34 Legal Hold Notice_Sts Mary and Joseph_11-16-2021.pdf>