

## **Questions which the AD-STL Leadership refuses to answer re: ATN & Vocations**

- 1) Given that a “unifying vision” is a published goal for ATN, and a “lack of priestly resources” is stated as the #1 problem, what is your PUBLISHED “unifying vision” for increasing vocations right now in the AD-STL? Name even 1 specific action-item you will commit to? (See #4 below);
- 2) When you issue any Canonical Decrees or public statement(s) on Pentecost 2023, will you please publish a complete list of priests (by name), able and willing to serve in the AD-STL, and their current assignment within the AD-STL; Will you publish the exact number of “pastorates” for the summer of 2023, and the total number of priests eligible to serve in those pastorates;
- 3) Will you publish the written/objective criteria by which you determined which parishes should remain “stand-alone” in the AD-STL?;
- 4) Given that four (4) or more parishes have specifically been granted the permission in writing to remain a “stand-alone” parish if they can find a “non-Archdiocesan” priest (i.e. Missionary or “Order” priest, etc.), why can’t any or all of the current 178 stand-alone parishes have that same option?;
- 5) There are many options or ideas put forth by the faithful flock in the AD-STL, to increase the number of priests serving here (short and long term). They include:
  - (A) petitioning other dioceses willing to transfer/loan priests;
  - (B) petitioning various Orders to come to AD-STL (i.e. FSSP, others);
  - (C) petitioning various Missionary organizations to come to AD-STL; and
  - (D) petitioning certain geographic areas with a vocations crisis due to “booming” or surging numbers, and offer them an opportunity partner with the AD-STL. This could include many countries in Africa including Nigeria, Uganda, and others. This could also include places like Malta, etc. These are just a few of many ideas or suggestions;

Will you commit to at least one (1) specific item from this list, or your own published plan?

- 6) Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) touts its statistical analysis and tracking, and is paid millions to do so. Will the AD-STL commit now, in writing, to publish the total number of (A) Masses, (2) Hours of Adoration, and (3) Hours of Reconciliation currently offered in the AD-STL, and that same set of metrics each Pentecost for the total years of implementation of ATN;
- 7) The AD-STL has publicly stated that they do not have the requisite canonical authority to close 90 of the current 178 parishes (reducing to 88). Vicar Fr. Chris Martin has repeatedly and publicly stated that no decisions have been made about parish schools, because “a school is a function of the parish,” and once thus schools will only be closed if the parish makes that decision. Please confirm that local parish schools are the decision and function of the local parish, and what canonical authority (if any?) the AD-STL has to “force” a school closure on a parish which wishes to continue to maintain one?
- 8) Please publish the amount of money paid to CLI for its work in the AD-STL. Also, please commit in writing that the AD-STL will track (with or without CLI resources), EACH AND EVERY lost parishioner from any merger, closure, or diminishment of any parish (i.e. If any of the current 178 parishes loses any priest count, loses its school, is pushed into a “pastorate” etc.). For example, if 3 parishes merge into a “pastorate” with 200, 300 & 500 current registrants, will the AD-STL commit to tracking all 1,000 registrations in total, through the total implementation time allotted for ATN (and for at least 5 years to come, to measure the “success” of ATN).